

# **State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Education and Early Development Foundation Program Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Foundation Program

### Contribution to Department's Mission

To provide financial support to Alaska's public schools.

### Core Services

- The Public School Funding Program provides the primary state financial support for 53 school districts and Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School. In FY2009, about \$1.1 billion will be distributed to school districts, according to "Basic Need", as determined by AS 14.17.410, less required local contributions and deductions for eligible Impact Aid.

### FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

**FY2010 Component Budget: \$1,027,996,500**

**Personnel:**

Full time	0
Part time	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

### Key Component Challenges

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING PROGRAM**

The department's budget requests full funding of the FY2010 public school foundation program. The foundation program provides resources schools need to help students meet higher academic standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools and districts are held accountable for their students' performance.

The base student allocation of \$5,480 increased by \$100 for FY2009. The Legislature appropriated and the Governor approved approximately \$20 million in one time grants to public school districts for FY08 energy relief. Improvement in student performance requires a continuous commitment to providing the resources to ensure that all students meet high academic standards. Annual increases in the foundation program allow school districts to plan for and provide meaningful programs to ensure that students at risk of not meeting standards will be able to reach them at the appropriate age levels.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

Implementing the formula changes approved in HB273.

In FY2010, the department will develop and initiate an Age 4 Pre-k pilot program. The Alaska pre-kindergarten pilot will provide a voluntary, comprehensive, half day preschool program for four and early five year olds based on the standards set forth in the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines (early five year old children who do not meet the cut off date for kindergarten entry). Participating school districts will be funded through a competitive grant process. The Alaska Pilot Pre-K Project will provide the framework, guidance, and funding for the creation of local programs in a variety of Alaskan settings including urban, rural, and remote.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

Distributed approximately \$884 million to 53 school districts and Mt. Edgecumbe to provide educational services to 129,661 Alaska students.

Capital and Operating budgets authorized the implementation of a district cost factor adjustment to fund the appropriations for an additional \$69 million for distributions to each school district as grants for educational purposes.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.17  
4 AAC 09

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**Foundation Program  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	970,147.7	979,867.2	1,027,996.5
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>970,147.7</b>	<b>979,867.2</b>	<b>1,027,996.5</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	937,261.6	944,776.2	994,268.5
1043 Impact Aid for K-12 Schools	20,791.0	20,791.0	20,791.0
1066 Public School Fund	12,095.1	14,300.0	12,937.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>970,147.7</b>	<b>979,867.2</b>	<b>1,027,996.5</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Public Law 81-874	51130	20,791.0	20,791.0	20,791.0
Public School Fund	51225	12,095.1	14,300.0	12,937.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>32,886.1</b>	<b>35,091.0</b>	<b>33,728.0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>32,886.1</b>	<b>35,091.0</b>	<b>33,728.0</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>944,776.2</b>	<b>20,791.0</b>	<b>14,300.0</b>	<b>979,867.2</b>
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Remove Foundation Program FY09 PEF Tracking	-944,776.2	0.0	0.0	-944,776.2
-Public School Trust Fund Decrement	0.0	0.0	-1,363.0	-1,363.0
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Foundation Program FY10 PEF Tracking	992,268.5	0.0	0.0	992,268.5
-Age 4 Pre-K Pilot Program	2,000.0	0.0	0.0	2,000.0
<b>FY2010 Governor</b>	<b>994,268.5</b>	<b>20,791.0</b>	<b>12,937.0</b>	<b>1,027,996.5</b>