

**State of Alaska  
FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Education and Early Development  
District Support Services  
Component Budget Summary**

## **Component: District Support Services**

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### **Component Mission**

To allocate and account for resources distributed to Alaska school districts, Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School, and Alyeska Central School.

### **Component Services Provided**

District Support Services manages the distribution of: the public school funding, tuition, boarding home, and pupil transportation funds, through the collection, analysis and aggregation of data. Staff provide program assistance by telephone and on-site visits and manage over \$700 million in state programs for less than one tenth of one percent. Staff comply with the federal Common Core Data collection and reporting activities, which enables the state to participate in federal education funding programs. The audit section monitors grantees (sub-recipients) for compliance with federal and state laws regarding the use of public funds distributed by the department and requires corrective action when instances of noncompliance are identified.

### **Component Goals and Strategies**

1. To provide management support for the formula programs under K-12 Support.
2. To provide assistance to school districts related to state statutes and regulations.
3. To timely and accurately process payments to school districts.
4. To improve the quality and consistency of reported data.

### **Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004**

The department's budget requests full funding the FY2004 public school foundation program. In addition, the department is recommending an increase to the base student allocation that will require the governor to introduce legislation to increase the base student allocation. Schools need resources to help students meet higher academic standards in reading, writing, and mathematics and to be held accountable for their students performance.

The Quality Schools Grant is part of the state's public school funding program to help students meet higher academic standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. Student achievement needs to be measured against rigorous standards in these areas at appropriate age levels. The Quality Schools Grants provide resources to schools and school districts to develop intervention plans and programs for students at risk of not meeting these standards. If a student is not making adequate progress, swift and intensive intervention is needed to get the student back on track.

The department is also recommending that the governor request an increase in the statutory amount of the Quality Schools Grant above the current \$16 per adjusted Average Daily Membership. This recommendation will roll the one-time funding approved by the legislature in FY2001, FY2002, and FY2003 for learning opportunity grants into recurring revenue. Improvement in student performance requires a continuous commitment to providing the resources to ensure that all students meet high academic standards. Including this funding in the annual foundation program will 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.

### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2002**

1. Provided timely, accurate payments to school districts through K-12 Support formula programs.
2. Completed analysis of minimum expenditure on instruction requirements for school districts.

### Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.07.020-030  
AS 14.50  
4 AAC 40  
AS 14.07.060  
4 AAC 09  
4 AAC 51  
4 AAC 52.700  
AS 14.11      4 AAC 31  
AS 14.17      4 AAC 33

**District Support Services**  
**Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars in thousands*

|                                | <b>FY2002 Actuals</b> | <b>FY2003 Authorized</b> | <b>FY2004 Governor</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Non-Formula Program:</b>    |                       |                          |                        |
| <b>Component Expenditures:</b> |                       |                          |                        |
| 71000 Personal Services        | 601.8                 | 565.8                    | 594.0                  |
| 72000 Travel                   | 63.5                  | 18.6                     | 18.6                   |
| 73000 Contractual              | 346.2                 | 439.7                    | 417.5                  |
| 74000 Supplies                 | 14.7                  | 3.5                      | 3.5                    |
| 75000 Equipment                | 1.4                   | 0.0                      | 0.0                    |
| 76000 Land/Buildings           | 0.0                   | 0.0                      | 0.0                    |
| 77000 Grants, Claims           | 0.0                   | 0.0                      | 0.0                    |
| 78000 Miscellaneous            | 0.0                   | 0.0                      | 0.0                    |
| <b>Expenditure Totals</b>      | <b>1,027.6</b>        | <b>1,027.6</b>           | <b>1,033.6</b>         |
| <b>Funding Sources:</b>        |                       |                          |                        |
| 1004 General Fund Receipts     | 1,027.6               | 1,027.6                  | 1,033.6                |
| <b>Funding Totals</b>          | <b>1,027.6</b>        | <b>1,027.6</b>           | <b>1,033.6</b>         |

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**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004**

**\$75 per Month Health Insurance for Non-covered Staff (\$6.0)**

The employer contribution to health insurance for non-covered staff will increase by \$75.00 from \$630.00 per month to \$705.00 per month.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes**

**From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor**

*All dollars in thousands*

|  | <u>General Funds</u> | <u>Federal Funds</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Total Funds</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>FY2003 Authorized</b>   | 1,027.6              | 0.0                  | 0.0                | 1,027.6            |
| <b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b> |                      |                      |                    |                    |
| - \$75 per Month Health Insurance for Non-covered Staff          | 6.0                  | 0.0                  | 0.0                | 6.0                |
| <b>FY2004 Governor</b>   | 1,033.6              | 0.0                  | 0.0                | 1,033.6            |

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**Personal Services Information**

|               | Authorized Positions               |                                  | Personal Services Costs          |                |
|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
|               | <u>FY2003</u><br><u>Authorized</u> | <u>FY2004</u><br><u>Governor</u> |                                  |                |
| Full-time     | 9                                  | 9                                | Annual Salaries                  | 459,062        |
| Part-time     | 0                                  | 0                                | Premium Pay                      | 0              |
| Nonpermanent  | 0                                  | 0                                | Annual Benefits                  | 153,306        |
|               |                                    |                                  | <i>Less 3.00% Vacancy Factor</i> | (18,368)       |
|               |                                    |                                  | Lump Sum Premium Pay             | 0              |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>9</b>                           | <b>9</b>                         | <b>Total Personal Services</b>   | <b>594,000</b> |

**Position Classification Summary**

| Job Class Title              | Anchorage | Fairbanks | Juneau   | Others   | Total    |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Administrative Assistant     | 0         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| Internal Auditor III         | 0         | 0         | 2        | 0        | 2        |
| Internal Auditor IV          | 0         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| School Finance Manager       | 0         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| School Finance Specialist II | 0         | 0         | 3        | 0        | 3        |
| Statistical Technician II    | 0         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>9</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>9</b> |