



**ASD BUDGET PROCESS IS NOT OVER**  
*Timeline tracks development*

Budget development for Anchorage School District is an year-round process that encompasses the gathering and analyzing of information. The focus of the district's budget development is on evaluating the need for additional staff, supplies, and other operating expenses and finding departmental efficiencies and cost-saving measures.

Input from recent high school forums, community members, students, staff members and last year's Education Workforce Advisory Commission and Budget Review Teams has been incorporated into the 2008-09 budget.

- In November, the district's administration presented preliminary projections to the Anchorage School Board. After that review, a preliminary budget was presented January 22-23 in public hearings held by the board.
- On Feb. 7, school board members gave final approved to the \$581 million general fund budget. The Anchorage Assembly is the next stop for budget approval. Assembly members will consider the district budget March 25 and decide whether to approve full funding of the local property tax contribution, the district's second largest source of revenue for its general fund, next to state education funding.
- The district's budget is based on the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force, which called for a \$100 increase to the base student allocation. The task force also recommended that a stand-alone appropriation to fund the BSA be passed by March 15, to allow districts to plan and budget their programs.
- HB273 has moved out of the House Finance Committee and is awaiting consideration by the full house. The bill includes the task force recommendations. A similar bill, SB240, is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Finance Committee on Feb. 15.

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