

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO make a determination that the amount of money to be made available from local sources in FY18 to the Sitka School District shall be equal the amount of \$6,578,292 and an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for building repair and maintenance.

Memo

Thru: Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator
To: City and Borough of Sitka Assembly
From: Jay Sweeney, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer
Date: May 15, 2017
Re: **FY2018 Local Effort For Education Funding**

Mayor Hunter and Assembly Members,

The formal receipt of the Sitka School District (SSD) budget on April 28, 2017 initiated a 30-day period of time, specified in State law, during which the Assembly must act on the SSD's request, as set forth in its budget, for local effort to support education.

Per State law (set forth in AS 14.14.060), once the 30-day period commences, the Assembly shall determine the total amount of money to be made available from local sources for school purposes, and shall furnish the school board with a statement of the sum to be made available. If the Assembly does furnish the school board, within 30 days, a statement of the sum to be made available, the amount requested in the school district budget is automatically approved.

In its Special Meeting held May 2, 2017, the Assembly voted to restore \$200,000 to the amount contained in the Administrator's draft budget to be made available for education support. This increased the amount budgeted from local sources for school purposes to \$6,578,292.

While the motion passed by the Assembly on May 2 was intended to, and could be perceived as, fulfilling the requirements of AS 14.14.060, the traditional mechanism for determining the total amount of money to be made available from local sources for school purposes is passage of a specific motion which also directs the Administrator to prepare the required statement of the sum to be made available. Thus, the motion the Assembly is asked to consider at its May 23rd meeting specifically fulfils the requirements of State law.