



Thank you for this opportunity to address the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) Assembly regarding the FY26 Sitka School District (SSD) budget development process. As a Board, we look forward to our collaboration. Public schools are the foundation of a healthy democracy and a primary driving force in a robust, local economy and your financial support makes that possible.

### 1. General Fund Instructional Budget

**For the FY26 budget process, we are requesting funding to the 'cap' in the amount of \$7,580,714.**

This request is based on a Base Student Allocation of \$5960 which **doesn't include any additional funding from the State**. If the State was to raise the BSA by \$680 then your maximum allowable contribution would be **\$7,972,424**.

If the State doesn't raise the BSA, we will be facing a budget deficit of **\$4,034,253**. We are hopeful that there will be some increased funding from the State. If there is an increase of \$340, our deficit will be \$3,182,709. If the BSA increases by \$680, the deficit will be \$2,331,166.

- These deficits include an assumption of an 18% increase to insurance premiums.

### 2. General Fund and Secure Rural Schools Non-Instructional Contribution

We are so appreciative of the Assembly for providing non-instructional contributions to SSD that help cover the cost of maintenance and operation of the Performing Arts Center and student activities. In FY26, we are requesting non-instructional contributions with adjustment for inflation. The request is as follows, which is also captured in the attached comparison with SSD's FY25 funding requests:

- Performing Arts Center Utilities: \$67,000
- Performing Arts Center Contract \$125,000
- Student Activities: \$134,600
- Secure Rural Schools: \$300,000 (depending on reauthorization from the Federal Government)

We look forward to the continuation of the agreement for maintenance and upkeep of the city's school buildings, as well as the management of Blatchley Pool through the City's Maintenance and Parks and Recreation Departments.

### 3. Voter Approved Proposition Funding in FY25

We are also budgeting for the voter-approved proposition funding in the following projected amounts:

- Marijuana Excise Tax for Student Activities Funding: \$300,000 Projected

We thank you for your time and dedication to the students, families, and staff of the Sitka School District. Together we will create an education that serves all students and families and builds a brilliant Sitka that is strong, resilient, and compassionate.

Sincerely,

Phil Burdick, Sitka School Board President

# Sitka School District

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

## Basic Need Calculation

|                                      |  |                 |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Base</b>                          |  | <b>ADM</b>      |
| Baranof Elementary (420010)          |  | 137.00          |
| Blatchley Middle School (420020)     |  | 313.00          |
| Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary (420170) |  | 205.00          |
| Pacific High School (427010)         |  | 39.00           |
| Sitka High School (420130)           |  | 306.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                         |  | <b>1,000.00</b> |

|                                      |                              |                 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>School Size Adjustment</b>        |                              | <b>ADM</b>      |
| Baranof Elementary (420010)          | Applied Multiplier: 1.47     | 201.59          |
| Blatchley Middle School (420020)     | Applied Multiplier: 1.24     | 387.21          |
| Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary (420170) | Applied Multiplier: 1.35     | 277.50          |
| Pacific High School (427010)         | Combined with Largest School | 69.21           |
| Sitka High School (420130)           | Applied Multiplier: 1.24     | 380.42          |
| <b>Total</b>                         |                              | <b>1,315.93</b> |

|                                   |                |              |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Special Education Intensive Count |                | <b>42.00</b> |
| Correspondence Enrollment         | REACH (428010) | 48.00        |

|                                 |               |            |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>Other Factor Adjustments</b> | <b>Factor</b> | <b>ADM</b> |
| + Hold Harmless (if applicable) | -             | 1,315.93   |
| x District Cost Factor          | 1.195         | 1,572.54   |
| x Special Needs Factor          | 1.200         | 1,887.04   |
| x Vocational/Technical Factor   | 1.015         | 1,915.35   |
| + Correspondence 90%            | 43.200        | 1,958.55   |
| + Intensive Services Factor     | 546.000       | 2,504.55   |

**Total Adjusted ADM** **2,504.54**

**Base Student Allocation (BSA)** **5,960**

|   |                             |                   |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Funding</b>                                  |                             |                   |
| Base Need Total                                 |                             | 14,927,054        |
| - Required Local Effort                         |                             | (4,138,275)       |
| - Deductible Impact Aid                         | Based on FY23 Actuals       | (47,424)          |
| + Quality Schools                               | 99,290<br>\$16/Adjusted ADM | 40,073            |
| <b>Projected State Entitlement (Foundation)</b> |                             | <b>10,775,631</b> |
|   |                             | 10,735,557.99     |

## Local Effort Calculation

|  |                       |                  |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| 2025 Full Value Determination                  |                       | 1,561,613,284    |
| Prior Year Basic Need                          |                       | 15,578,229       |
| Projected Basic Need                           |                       | 14,927,054       |
| Full Value x 0.00265                           |                       | 4,138,275        |
| 45% Prior Year Basic Need                      | Whichever is lesser.  | 7,010,203        |
| <b>Minimum Required Local Contribution</b>     |                       | <b>4,138,275</b> |
| Full Value x 0.00200                           |                       | 3,123,227        |
| 23% of Projected Base Need + Quality Schools   | Whichever is greater. | 3,442,439        |
| <b>Additional Allowable Local Contribution</b> |                       | <b>3,442,439</b> |

**Maximum Allowable Local Contribution**  
FY25 City Contribution budgeted

*Minimum + Additional Allowable*

**7,580,714**

7,669,562

*Estimate updated January 10, 2025*

# Sitka School District

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**Total Adjusted ADM** **2,504.54**

**Base Student Allocation (BSA)** **6,640**

### Funding

|   |                           |                   |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Base Need Total                                 |                           | 16,630,141        |
| - Required Local Effort                         |                           | (4,138,275)       |
| - Deductible Impact Aid                         | Based on FY23 Actuals     | (47,424)          |
| + Quality Schools                               | 99,290                    | 40,073            |
| <b>Projected State Entitlement (Foundation)</b> | <b>\$16/ Adjusted ADM</b> | <b>12,478,717</b> |
|   |                           | 12,438,644.70     |

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| Full Value x 0.00200                           |                       | 3,123,227        |
| 23% of Projected Base Need + Quality Schools   | Whichever is greater. | 3,834,149        |
| <b>Additional Allowable Local Contribution</b> |                       | <b>3,834,149</b> |

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FY25 City Contribution budgeted

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*Estimate updated January 10, 2025*

SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT

\$ 25,409,735.41

Revenue Budget

FY2026 Proposed Budget Projections

FY 25 Budget

FY26 no change in BSA

FY26 BSA+\$680

Enrollment Projection

1000+42 IN  
48 Corresp

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| FUND 100: General Fund |                                      |    |            |    |               |    |               |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|
| 011                    | City/Borough Appropriation           | \$ | 7,697,278  | \$ | 7,580,714     | \$ | 7,972,424     |
| 040                    | Other Revenue (Local)                | \$ | 45,000     | \$ | 45,000        | \$ | 45,000        |
| 047                    | E-rate Revenue (Federal)             | \$ | 69,076     | \$ | 69,076        | \$ | 69,076        |
| 050                    | Quality Schools                      | \$ | 40,073     | \$ | 40,073        | \$ | 40,073        |
| 051                    | State Foundation                     | \$ | 12,732,492 | \$ | 10,735,558    | \$ | 12,438,645    |
| 056                    | Other State Revenue (TRS On Behalf)  | \$ | 1,188,791  | \$ | 1,188,791     | \$ | 1,188,791     |
| 057                    | Other State Revenue (PERS On Behalf) | \$ | 81,324     | \$ | 81,324        | \$ | 81,324        |
| 05X                    | Other State Revenue (one time funds) | \$ | 884,001    | \$ | 1,490         | \$ | 1,490         |
| 05x                    | Other State Revenue (misc funds)     | \$ | 7,000      | \$ | 7,000         | \$ | 7,000         |
| 110                    | Impact Aid (Federal)                 | \$ | 70,000     | \$ | 70,000        | \$ | 70,000        |
| 190                    | Forest Receipts (pass-thru)          | \$ | 360,000    | \$ | 360,000       | \$ | 360,000       |
|                        | Contributions from Outside Funds     |    |            | \$ | 1,439,893     | \$ | 1,439,893     |
|                        | Fund Balance Contribution            | \$ | 1,714,023  |    |               |    |               |
| <b>FUND TOTAL</b>      |                                      | \$ | 24,889,058 | \$ | 21,618,919    | \$ | 23,713,716    |
| <b>Results</b>         |                                      | \$ | 1,350,232  |    | (\$3,790,816) |    | (\$1,696,020) |

| SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT                     |                      |                      |                      |                     |                  |                                |  |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Expenditure Summary by Function           |                      |                      |                      |                     |                  |                                |  |
| FY 2026 Proposed Budget                   |                      |                      |                      |                     |                  |                                |  |
| Function                                  | FY 2023 Actuals      | FY 2024 Actuals      | FY 2026 Proposed     | Increase (Decrease) | Percent Increase | Percent of Total FY 2025 Total |  |
| Instruction:                              |                      |                      |                      |                     |                  |                                |  |
| 100 Regular Instruction                   | \$ 8,636,035         | \$ 8,864,387         | \$ 10,000,000        | \$ 1,135,613        | 11.36%           | 39.35%                         |  |
| 120 Bilingual/Bicultural                  | 53,702               | 105,151              | 114,962              | 9,811               | 8.53%            | 0.45%                          |  |
| 130 Enrichment                            | 3,335                | 1,244                | 3,500                | 2,256               | 64.46%           | 0.01%                          |  |
| 140 Correspondence Study                  | 253,818              | 313,966              | 345,000              | 31,034              | 9.00%            | 1.36%                          |  |
| 160 Vocational Education                  | 367,201              | 356,655              | 395,000              | 38,345              | 9.71%            | 1.55%                          |  |
| 200 Special Education Instruction         | 4,348,688            | 4,290,010            | 4,700,000            | 409,990             | 8.72%            | 18.50%                         |  |
| 220 Special Education Support             | 803,589              | 925,372              | 1,075,000            | 149,628             | 13.92%           | 4.23%                          |  |
| 300 Pupil Support                         | 1,650                | 561                  | 1,500                | 939                 | 62.60%           | 0.01%                          |  |
| 320 Guidance                              | 506,702              | 550,168              | 595,000              | 44,832              | 7.53%            | 2.34%                          |  |
| 330 Health Services                       | 110,794              | 106,323              | 111,225              | 4,902               | 4.41%            | 0.44%                          |  |
| 350/351 Support Services - Instruction    | 195,868              | 205,731              | 220,000              | 14,269              | 6.49%            | 0.87%                          |  |
| 352 Library Services                      | 300,747              | 319,860              | 335,000              | 15,140              | 4.52%            | 1.32%                          |  |
| 400 School Administration                 | 1,141,993            | 1,177,687            | 1,300,000            | 122,313             | 9.41%            | 5.12%                          |  |
| Sub Total Instruction                     | \$ 16,724,122        | \$ 17,217,115        | \$ 19,196,187        | \$ 1,979,072        | 10.31%           | 75.55%                         |  |
| 450 School Administration Support         | \$ 671,199           | \$ 706,108           | \$ 750,000           | \$ 43,892           | 5.85%            | 2.95%                          |  |
| 510 District Administration               | 203,037              | 187,435              | 215,000              | 27,565              | 12.82%           | 0.85%                          |  |
| 511 School Board                          | 64,786               | 62,779               | 86,379               | 23,600              | 27.32%           | 0.34%                          |  |
| 512 Superintendent's Office               | 319,501              | 436,199              | 475,000              | 38,801              | 8.17%            | 1.87%                          |  |
| 518 Safety & Security                     | 82                   | -                    | 2,000                | 2,000               | 100.00%          | 0.01%                          |  |
| 550 District Administration Support       | 458,548              | 546,724              | 585,000              | 38,276              | 6.54%            | 2.30%                          |  |
| 555/556 Data Processing/Tech Services     | 270,176              | 456,103              | 520,000              | 63,897              | 12.29%           | 2.05%                          |  |
| 600 Maintenance & Operations              | 2,812,244            | 2,842,413            | 2,851,648            | 9,235               | 0.32%            | 11.22%                         |  |
| 700 Student Activities                    | 300,176              | 282,436              | 350,000              | 67,564              | 19.30%           | 1.38%                          |  |
| 780 Community Services                    | 4,594                | 4,687                | 5,000                | 313                 | 6.26%            | 0.02%                          |  |
| Sub Total Admin/M&O                       | \$ 5,104,343         | \$ 5,524,884         | \$ 5,840,027         | \$ 315,143          | 5.40%            | 22.98%                         |  |
| Sub Total Inst/Admin/M&O                  | \$ 21,828,465        | \$ 22,741,999        | \$ 25,036,215        | \$ 2,294,216        | 9.16%            | 98.53%                         |  |
| 900 Transfers                             |                      |                      |                      |                     |                  |                                |  |
| 900..550 Transfers to Pupil Transportatio | 65,000               | 142,500              | 203,520              | 61,020              | 29.98%           | 0.80%                          |  |
| 900..550 SHS Student Activity             |                      |                      | 170,000              | 170,000             | 100.00%          | 0.67%                          |  |
| 900..550 Transfers to Pool                | 86,000               |                      |                      | -                   | 0.00%            | 0.00%                          |  |
| Sub Total Transfers                       | \$ 151,000           | \$ 142,500           | \$ 373,520           | \$ 231,020          | 61.85%           | 1.47%                          |  |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>                 | <b>\$ 21,979,465</b> | <b>\$ 22,884,499</b> | <b>\$ 25,409,735</b> | <b>\$ 2,525,236</b> | <b>9.94%</b>     | <b>100.00%</b>                 |  |