

## **Superintendent Report June 2026**

### **Budget**

The State of Alaska's FY27 budget has been signed by the Governor. Finance Director Shannon Baird is continuing to work through the updated numbers to determine where the district will ultimately land. At this time, we are optimistic that the district will be fiscally stable for SY27 and have begun reviewing the administrative team's priority list for items that may be added back into the budget. Additional budget information will be reflected in Mrs. Baird's report.

The State budget also includes appropriations for two of our Capital Improvement Projects: the Petersburg Aquatic Center Sewer Line Repair and the Petersburg High/Middle School Security Access Renovation.

### **Capital Improvement Projects**

#### **Campus Security Upgrades**

Contractors have been busy running wiring to create electronic entry access at identified priority doors, as well as replacing doors that were included in the project scope. At this time, the project remains on track to be completed before the start of the new school year.

#### **6-Year CIP**

With the Aquatic Center Sewer Line Repair and the Petersburg High/Middle School Security Access Renovation projects receiving appropriations, Aaron and I will now be placing greater emphasis on preparing the narrative and supporting documentation for the district's next 6-Year CIP submission to the State.

After attending the CIP training in Anchorage this spring, I learned that the State places significant value on hearing directly from districts about their facility needs. They also want to see strong supporting documentation, including photos, work orders, and other evidence that demonstrates the need for each project. David Landis, with the Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC), will continue assisting the district with the major components of the submission process. However, Aaron and I will be taking a more active role in developing the narrative and gathering the supporting documentation for this next round.

#### **AASA Governing Board**

I was recently notified that I have been selected as one of two Alaska superintendents to serve on the School Superintendents Association, AASA, Governing Board. This role will allow me to stay current on both national and state educational issues, better understand how decisions made at those levels may impact our local system, and advocate for and represent the educational needs of Alaska.

#### **New Year Preparations and Other Items**

Year-end grant and state reporting is being finalized, and preparations for the new school year are underway across the district.

Each of the schools updated their handbooks prior to leaving for the summer, and those handbooks are included in this month's agenda.

Special Education Director Cyndy Fry met with each of the principals before their summer departure to determine, at a minimum, the level of support staff needed in each building. This planning helps ensure adequate staffing to support students with disabilities, as well as general student support needs such as recess, lunch, crosswalk duty, and behavioral support.

A team of nine staff members will be attending the Annual Visible Learning Conference in Nashville in July through Raising the Bar for Alaska Schools, RTBAK, grant funds. Our team submitted a proposal, which was accepted, to share our district's professional development story at the conference.

I would like to recognize and thank Jaime Cabral, Cyndy Fry, Heidi Cabral, Alice Cumps, Alice Williams, LeeAnn Jenkins, and Kerri Curtiss for their willingness to be vulnerable and share their perspectives on our journey, including both the highs and the lows. Also joining our team in Nashville will be two of our new teachers, Rebecca Shatwell and Eric Wolford.


### Alaska's "Little Norway" Visible Learning Journey: A District Transformed ×

July 16, 2026 9:30 AM-10:15 AM CT


**Golden Arrow A**

Come learn how intentional leadership, teaching, and learning transformed the culture and professional practices of Petersburg School District. Together, we will examine and share how deliberate district-wide Visible Learning practices created coherence and clarity for leaders, teachers, and students. By building strong relationships, trust, and individual efficacy, the instructional leadership team was able to create structures and systems in order to make learning and leading visible. We are excited to share our challenges, learning, and successes along the way. You too can make strategic changes to benefit your school community.


Come join us to learn about Petersburg, Alaska's transformational journey.



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