

# Joint Assembly and School Board Meeting

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## Capital Project Update

September 9, 2025

### Boiler Projects

- **Colony Middle School Boiler Pumps and Controls** – Budget: \$250,000  
Design in progress; expected completion mid-October. Construction anticipated for Summer 2026.
- **Finger Lake Elementary Boiler Replacement** – Budget: \$600,000  
Scoping and preparation for construction solicitation are underway. Materials expected to have a six-month lead time; installation anticipated Summer 2026.
- **Nutritional Services Steam Boiler** – Budget: \$350,000  
Design services solicitation underway.
- **Palmer High Boiler Replacement** – Budget: \$520,000  
Commissioning in progress. Final completion scheduled by year-end.
- **School District Administration Boiler Replacement** – Budget: \$450,000  
Design services solicitation underway.
- **Snowshoe Elementary Boiler Replacement** – Budget: \$350,000  
Scoping and preparation for construction solicitation are underway. Materials expected to have a six-month lead time; installation anticipated Summer 2026.
- **Susitna Valley Jr/SR High School Boiler**  
Complete. Final amount \$177,238.
- **Sutton Elementary Boiler and Hot Water Repairs** – Budget: \$150,000  
Scoping and preparation for construction solicitation are underway. Materials expected to have a six-month lead time; installation anticipated Summer 2026.
- **Wasilla High Boiler Replacement**  
Complete. Final amount \$417,336.

### Elevator Projects

- **Big Lake Elementary Elevator** – Budget: \$175,000  
Design in progress; construction bid anticipated in October for Summer 2026 installation.
- **Palmer High School Elevator** – Budget: \$425,000  
Design in progress; construction bid anticipated in October for Summer 2026 installation.
- **Palmer Junior Middle School Elevator** – Budget: \$275,000  
Design in progress; construction bid anticipated in October for Summer 2026 installation.

## New Schools

- **Mat-Su Central School**  
Complete. Construction was combined with Katherine Drive to improve access to both MSC and Pioneer Peak Elementary School. Construction contract amount \$23.99M.
- **American Charter Academy** – Budget: \$15,155,000  
Construction in progress. Groundbreaking ceremony held September 4, 2025. Substantial completion scheduled for August 15, 2026.
- **Birchtree Charter School** – Budget: \$26,597,200  
Schematic design (35%) has been received and is under review. A presentation to the School Board is being scheduled for October.
- **Academy Charter School** – Budget: \$16,394,400  
Progressive design-build delivery. Conceptual/preliminary design underway, including traffic study and site/building concepts.

## Other Projects

- **School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Shaw Elementary School**  
Design for the Foxtrot extension is underway. Change order for the Roundabout design is in process. Concepts have been developed for on-site traffic improvements at Shaw Elementary.
- **Colony Schools Waterline (Palmer City Connection)**  
Design 95% complete. Engineer's estimate for construction: \$820,000. Project shelved pending future funding.
- **Facility Flexible Sprinkler Head & Suspended Ceiling Retrofit (14 Locations – FEMA)**  
Site investigation complete. Cost-benefit analysis underway with FEMA to determine funding.
- **Seismic Shutoff Valves at 40 Locations (FEMA)**  
Construction bidding complete. The low responsive bid (\$187,944.13) exceeded the FEMA grant amount; a request for additional funding has been submitted.