

**SUBJECT:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING A JOINT ASSEMBLY/SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING ISSUES.

**AGENDA OF:** March 4, 2025

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

Adopted without objection 03/18/25 - EMW

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	<div>2 / 1 9 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div>__X__ N S for Assym Fonov</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
Finance Director	<div>Recoverable Signature</div> <div>X Cheyenne Heindel</div> <div>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</div>
Borough Attorney	<div>2 / 1 9 / 2 0 2 5</div> <div>X Nicholas Spiropoulos</div> <div>Signed by: Nicholas Spiropoulos</div>
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**ATTACHMENT (S):** Ordinance Serial No. 25-030 (3 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** This ordinance is sponsored by Assemblymember Fonov to establish a joint Assembly School Board Committee on School District Funding Issues. The intent of the Committee is to focus solely on financial issues pertaining to the School District so that the members can then make recommendations to the Assembly and School Board.

The Committee will consist of three members of the Borough Assembly and three members of the School District to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Assembly. The Committee will have an initial meeting in the final quarter of the calendar year and then meet as often as the Committee deems appropriate. It is anticipated that after the budget cycle for the School District and Assembly is complete, the Committee may not meet for several months unless they decide they want to.

Committee meetings shall be staffed by the Borough Manager, Borough Finance Director, School District Superintendent and School District Deputy Superintendent for Finance. The Borough Manager and School District Superintendent may assign others to staff the Committee meetings at their discretion, or at the request of the Committee.

Committee meetings shall be advertised and open to public attendance, but there need not be formal agendas or formal minutes taken. This is so that the committee can be flexible and maintain a degree of informality and collegiality.

The creation of this Committee does not, and is not intended to, abrogate or limit any power of an Assemblymember or School Board member to bring proposals before their body as permitted by state law, borough code, and/or existing resolutions. This is because the Committee is comprised of elected officials and they are always free to pursue legislation or action items by virtue of their elected office. That power of elected officials cannot be taken away.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Introduce and set for public hearing.