

Sponsored By: Assemblymember Mayfield  
Adopted: 03/05/19

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-026**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING CONTINUED APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT AND TO PROVIDE A 50 PERCENT MATCH FOR EARTHQUAKE DAMAGED SCHOOLS.

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WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget failed to fund School Debt Service Reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the State made a commitment to the Borough to match 60 to 70 percent of this bond debt; and

WHEREAS, failure to fund School Debt Service Reimbursement at the State level as promised, will result in \$18,353,135 worth of debt being passed down to the citizens of the Borough with a mill equivalent of 1.98 mills; and

WHEREAS, passing on that debt places an extreme and unexpected burden on the citizens of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, response efforts for all schools following the magnitude 7.0 earthquake required significant efforts to inspect, repair, and recertify building systems as well as conducting multiple inspections by engineers and School District staff following the November 30<sup>th</sup> earthquake and numerous aftershocks; and

WHEREAS, minor repairs were required at the majority of schools across the District with significant repairs to two

elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school; and

WHEREAS, the earthquake rendered one school unsafe to occupy due to extensive structural damage requiring further assessment; however, rough estimates have repairs in the millions of dollars with school replacement as a possibility; and

WHEREAS, additional damage is likely to be discovered following winter conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports and asks the Legislature to continue appropriations to cover School Bond Debt Reimbursement and to provide a 50 percent match for earthquake damaged schools.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 5 day of March, 2019.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

YES: Sykes, Beck, Leonard, Mayfield, and Boeve

NO: McKee and Sumner