

**SUBJECT:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY EXTENDING THE DATE OF COMPLETION ON THE PALMER HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028; AND A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGETS OF THE PALMER HIGH SCHOOL ELEVATOR REPLACEMENT, FINGER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT, AND SNOWSHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECTS, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGER FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT DEFERRED MAINTENANCE - FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT.

**AGENDA OF: April 7, 2026**

**Assembly Action:**

**AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Division Manager	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X C o l e B r a n h a m</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : C o l e B r a n h a m</p>
Department Director	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X T o m A d a m s , P E</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : T o m A d a m s</p>
Purchasing Director	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 4 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X R K r a f f t</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : R u s s K r a f f t</p>
Finance Director	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</p>
Borough Attorney	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : N i c h o l a s S p i r o p o u l o s</p>
Borough Manager	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X M i c h a e l B r o w n</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : M i k e B r o w n</p>
Borough Clerk	<p style="text-align: right;">3 / 2 6 / 2 0 2 6</p> <p>X B r e n d a J . H e n r y f o r</p> <hr/> <p>S i g n e d b y : B r e n d a H e n r y</p>

**ATTACHMENT (S) :** Resolution Serial No. 26-029 (2 pp)  
 Ordinance Serial No. 26-042 (2 pp)  
 Fiscal Note

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:** Several previously appropriated School District capital projects currently have available funding that is no longer required for their originally intended scope. This legislation will

reallocate the remaining funds to address high priority deferred maintenance needs across multiple Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District facilities, under a new project titled "Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Deferred Maintenance - Fiscal Year 2026."

This action will provide \$686,000 in funding for priority deferred maintenance projects across School District facilities. While several projects have been identified, the available funding may not be sufficient to fully complete all items listed, and funds will be prioritized based on urgency, readiness, and operational need. Other needs may also be addressed as they arise if determined to be urgent.

Projects currently identified as requiring additional funding include:

- Sutton Elementary Boiler and Hot Water Repairs - Existing funding is insufficient to advertise and award the work. An additional \$100,000 is required to complete boiler and domestic hot water repairs and upgrade pneumatic controls to Direct Digital Control (DDC).
- Big Lake Elementary Elevator Replacement - Based on bids received for similar elevator replacements, the project is underfunded by approximately \$70,000.
- MSBSD Administration Building Boiler Replacement - The project is currently under design. Construction cost estimates are approximately \$540,000, which exceeds available funding by roughly \$150,000.
- MSBSD Nutritional Services Boiler and Steam System Repairs - The project includes replacing deteriorated steam lines and repairing or replacing the existing steam boiler serving food service equipment that is currently inoperable. The current estimate is approximately \$450,000, requiring approximately \$150,000 in additional funding.
- Cottonwood Elementary School Potable Water System Repairs - The school relies on an aging air-over-water system with a mercury switch control that has experienced repeated failures resulting in loss of water pressure and flooding risk. Work is required to replace the system with a modern water pressure system.
- Cottonwood Elementary School Fire Sprinkler System Repairs - The aging sprinkler piping system has developed numerous leaks and is no longer functioning reliably.
- Goose Bay Elementary School Water System Repairs - The existing pressure tank has failed due to damage to the internal bladder and requires replacement of the tank system.
- Tanaina Elementary School Water System Filtration and DEC

Repairs - Improvements are needed to address filtration and regulatory compliance requirements.

- Palmer High School Boiler - One of three boilers was previously replaced and another repaired by School District staff; the third boiler requires installation along with associated electrical and controls work to ensure full system functionality.

Creating a deferred maintenance project will allow the Borough to efficiently address facility issues associated with major rehabilitation and repair of school buildings in accordance with AS 14.14.060(f), and prioritize improvements needed to keep School District facilities operational and supporting school operations.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Respectfully request approval.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <b>YES</b> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$686,000	FUNDING SOURCE School Capital Projects
FROM ACCOUNT # 400.000.000 4xx.xxx	PROJECT# 40207-1800-1804/1809/1811
TO ACCOUNT: 400.000.000 4xx.xxx	PROJECT # 40207-1800-18xx
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**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>						

CAPITAL	<b>686.0</b>					
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REVENUE						
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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	<b>686.0</b>					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>686.0</b>					

**POSITIONS:**

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

APPROVED BY:



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Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel