

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2026-13
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE SUM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY OF UNALASKA TO THE UNALASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Unalaska City School District Fiscal Year 2026 Budget was received by the City of Unalaska by the April 1 deadline in accordance with UCO 2.98.090; and

WHEREAS, within 30 days after receipt of the school budget, the City of Unalaska is required by UCO 2.98.090 to determine the total amount of money to be made available from local sources for school purposes and make available to the Unalaska City School District Board of Education a statement of the sum to be made available; and

WHEREAS, failure to furnish the Board of Education with a statement of the sum to be available would automatically approve the amount requested in the budget by the Unalaska City School District; and

WHEREAS, by June 30 the City Council shall appropriate the amount of funds to be made available from local sources to the Unalaska City School District for educational purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Unalaska has established the sum to be made available for local funding of school purposes for Fiscal Year 2026 to be \$6,243,965, which includes \$4,353,862 for the maximum allowable local contribution and \$1,890,103 beyond the set funding cap, with the additional \$45,103 beyond the cap to augment the Community Schools Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on March 10, 2026.


Alejandro R. Tungul
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, Deputy City Manager
Through: Abner Hoage, Interim City Manager
Date: March 10, 2026
Re: Resolution 2026-13, Amending Resolution 2025-23, Establishing the sum to be made available from the City of Unalaska to the Unalaska City School District for Fiscal Year 2026

SUMMARY: Each year Council adopts a resolution indicating the local contribution to be made to the School District for the upcoming fiscal year. The FY26 funding amount was originally adopted by Council with Resolution 2025-23 on April 22, 2025. On February 24, 2026, Council was informed that the funding needed to be adjusted in order to remain compliant with requirements of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Council indicated a desire to reduce the Maximum Allowable Local Contribution by \$45,103, and transfer that funding to the Special Funding outside the cap, to be used to augment the Community Schools Agreement. Resolution 2026-13 accomplishes this by amending Resolution 2025-23.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Adoption of Resolution 2025-23 on April 22, 2025.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The following information was discussed during a work session on February 24, 2026.

For FY26, the City originally appropriated a total of \$6,243,965 in school funding:

\$4,398,965 Maximum Allowable Local Contribution
\$1,845,000 Special Funding (*Community Schools, Food Service, Student Travel & Pre-School*)
\$6,243,965 Total

The Maximum Allowable Local Contribution or Local Funding Cap consists of 2.65 mills of the value of taxable property (the “Required Local”), plus an optional 2 mills of taxable property.

The “Required Local” is defined as the LESSER of 2.65 mills of taxable property value OR 45% of the State Basic need for the previous year. The city appropriated 2.65 mills as the Required Local, but 45% of the previous basic need is actually less. The difference is \$45,103. Therefore, the school must receive \$45,103 less than originally appropriated to be compliant.

After discussion, and with input provided by School Superintendent Kim Hanisch, Council indicated a desire to transfer \$45,103 from the Maximum Allowable Local Contribution to Special Funding, to be used to augment the Community Schools Agreement. The result will be:

\$4,353,862 Maximum Allowable Local Contribution
\$1,890,103 Special Funding (*Community Schools, Food Service, Student Travel & Pre-School*)
\$6,243,965 Total

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reduce the remaining FY26 monthly payments by a total of \$45,103; or
2. Transfer the \$45,103 into one of the other special funds or a combination thereof (Community Schools, Food Service, Student Travel & Pre-School).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The School District's FY26 Maximum Local Contribution is reduced by \$45,103 to \$4,353,862; and funding beyond the cap is increased by \$45,103 to \$1,890,103. The additional \$45,103 is to be used to augment the Community Schools Agreement. The total amount of funding from the City to the School District remains unchanged.

LEGAL: Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2026-13 so that local funding of the Unalaska City School District complies with requirements of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2026-13.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: I support the staff recommendation.