Aleutians East Borough School District

Special Meeting of the School Board

September 29, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting will be held by Video Conference at all Sites

District Office is open to the public

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Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Meeting is open to the Public at the District Office in Sand Point

Zoom Link https://aebsd.zoom.us/j/88524580178
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Special Meeting Agenda

I. Opening

A. Call to Order
B. Pledge of Allegiance
C. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum
D. Others in Attendance

ACTION — E. Approval of Agenda

II. Public Comments on Agenda Items

III. New Business

DISCUSSION/ACTION — A. **FY27 Student Activity Schedule and Funding**
Discussion and possible Board action regarding the FY27 student activity schedule, including wrestling travel, possible schedule revisions, funding options, and related transfers of funds within the adopted FY27 budget.

DISCUSSION/ACTION — B. **FY27 One-Time State Funding – Proposed Uses and Budget Revision**
Discussion regarding the approximately $300,000 in additional one-time state funding, including potential uses and priorities. The Board may provide direction to administration for development of a proposed FY27 budget revision. No formal budget revision will be adopted at this meeting.

ACTION — **VI. Adjournment**

Our Mission: Aleutians East Borough School District will provide a quality education; skills and opportunities, which meet all students' needs, helping them become productive citizens and successful life-long learners through committed community involvement.

Our Vision: Every student deserves to be surrounded by a culture of high educational expectations. All students are to be valued and should be treated fairly and respectfully regardless of their background or educational challenges. In order for students to realize their full potential; Elders, parents, teachers and community members should be involved in students' education by serving as role models and by assisting in identifying and making available community resources to meet the needs of all students.

Executive Session: The Board reserves the right to go into executive session at any time as permitted by AS 44.62.310 and Board Policy 9321.2

2026-2027 AEBSD ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Date	Description	Host Site(s)
	CROSS COUNTRY	
9/5	Cross Country Meet 1 @ Unalaska SD *(Ferry Travel)*	Unalaska
9/24	Cross Country Meet 2 - Regionals @ Sand Point	SDP
10/3	ASAA - State Cross Country Meet - Bartlett	Bartlett
	VOLLEYBALL	
10/6	Birchwood Christian (pre-tournament games)	
10/8/10/10	Lumen Christi Spiketacular	Anchorage
10/16/10/17	SDP: Wrestling & KVC: Volleyball	KVC
10/23-10/24	Unalaska Tournament	UNA
11/6-11/7	KVC: Wrestling & SDP: Volleyball	SDP
11/20 - 11/22	2A Girls Volleyball Regionals @ Dillingham	Dillingham
12/3-12/5	ASAA - 2A Volleyball State Tournament	Dimond HS
	WRESTLING	
10/16 - 10/17	SDP: Wrestling & KVC: Volleyball	SDP
10/30-10/31	Mountain City Wrestling Tournament	Mountain City
11/6 - 11/7	KVC: Wrestling & SDP: Volleyball	KVC
	BASKETBALL	
1/8 - 1/9	Girls @ King Cove/Boys @ Sand Point	SDP, UNA
01/14-1/16	Tip Off Classic *(Lodging & Meals Provided)*	Dillingham
1/21-123	Sockeye Invitational	Naknek
01/29-1/30	Girls @ Sand Point/Boys @ King Cove	SDP, KVC
2/5-2/6	Girls @ King Cove/Boys @ Sand Point	SDP, KVC
2/11 - 2/13	Girls @ Sand Point & Boys @ Unalaska	Dutch Harbor/SDP
2/26 - 2/28	1A Aleutian Chain Conference Regional Tournament	Newhalen/Port Alsworth (Girls) King Cove (Boys)
3/11 - 3/14	ASAA 1A Basketball State Tournament	Anchorage
	NYO	
April	SDP, KCV, FP & KQA	Anchorage
	STUDENT GOVERNMENT	
TBD	AASG Fall Conference	TBA
11/5-11/9	AASB YLI - 73rd Annual Conference	Anchorage
Winter 2026	AASB FLY-IN	Juneau
Spring 2025	AASG Spring Conference	TBA
March 2026	Spelling Bee	Anchorage

% of Operating Fund for Student Activities in FY25 Budget	
6.78%	HOONAH
6.55%	ALEUTIANS EAST
4.95%	ANNETTE ISLAND
4.87%	PETERSBURG
4.52%	UNALASKA
4.31%	BERING STRAIT
4.20%	KASHUNAMIUT
3.84%	WRANGELL
3.83%	SAINT MARY'S
3.66%	KAKE
3.47%	DENALI
3.42%	SOUTHEAST ISLAND
3.31%	CRAIG
3.29%	DILLINGHAM
2.88%	KLAWOCK
2.71%	LOWER YUKON
2.62%	CHATHAM
2.54%	NORTH SLOPE
2.41%	LAKE & PENINSULA
2.37%	NORTHWEST ARCTIC
2.35%	VALDEZ
2.22%	YUPIIT
1.98%	DELTA GREELY
1.88%	HYDABURG
1.85%	KUSPUK
1.84%	KODIAK
1.76%	NENANA
1.70%	NOME
1.68%	MAT-SU
1.54%	CORDOVA
1.54%	LOWER KUSKOKWIM
1.53%	SOUTHWEST REGION
1.51%	COPPER RIVER
1.34%	YAKUTAT
1.32%	BRISTOL BAY
1.30%	SITKA
1.27%	KENAI PENINSULA
1.27%	GALENA
1.03%	ANCHORAGE
1.02%	FAIRBANKS
0.70%	PELICAN
0.67%	YUKON-KOYUKUK
0.64%	ALASKA GATEWAY
0.34%	IDITAROD
0.00%	ALEUTIAN REGION
0.00%	CHUGACH
0.00%	HAINES
0.00%	JUNEAU
0.00%	KETCHIKAN
0.00%	PRIBILOF
0.00%	SKAGWAY
0.00%	YUKON FLATS

Wrestling Travel Schedule - Public Information Summary

FY27 Aleutians East Borough School District

The purpose of this information is to clarify misunderstandings, explain how we arrived at the current wrestling schedule, and support a fair discussion moving forward. AEBSD values wrestling and all of our student activities because of the tremendous benefits they provide to students and communities.

We show that commitment by investing more than $630,000 each year in student activities, along with significant staff time, travel coordination, coaching, and support. Our goal is to continue providing strong opportunities for students while making fair, sustainable, and transparent decisions with public funds.

Summary and Clarification

- Draft FY27 activity travel schedule shared with the Board and public in April 2026.
- Schedule discussed again at a public Board workshop on May 19, 2026.
- Board-adopted FY27 wrestling travel allocation: approximately $70,910.
- Wrestling travel was changed — not cut.
- Mountain City Christian tournament in Anchorage replaced Regionals in Dillingham.
- No additional tournament was added to volleyball; its schedule stayed as previously presented.
- Wrestling Regionals have not been hosted by AEBSD; Dillingham is the ASAA-designated regional hub for our wrestling conference.
- Under the current ASAA structure, Regionals are not expected to rotate to an AEBSD community, so choosing another trip does not take away a local opportunity for families to watch Regionals here.

Why the change

- We listened to requests by families and students to restore an Anchorage wrestling tournament.
- Mountain City Christian and Regionals were expected to have similar overall travel costs.
- Mountain City Christian offers more potential matches and more opponents by weight class.
- Past Regional tournaments have sometimes provided limited — or no — matches for AEBSD wrestlers because no opponent was available in the appropriate weight class.
- In some cases, wrestlers advanced automatically to State without wrestling a Regional match.
- Regionals and State are scheduled close together; travel through Dillingham and Anchorage can become an 11-day trip or longer with very limited wrestling opportunities.
- State is also close to Christmas. Families have previously expressed concern about weather delays or students being stuck in Anchorage and missing the holiday with family.
- The schedule was built to maximize student opportunity while staying within the Board-approved wrestling budget.

What happened this fall

- Questions were raised by email on September 16.
- The superintendent responded in writing on September 17 and clarified the schedule changes.
- The issue was raised again during public comment at the September Board meeting.
- A special Board meeting will provide a public forum for further discussion and direction.

Options

- Keep the current schedule within the existing wrestling budget.
- Use team/community fundraising for additional travel.
- Board may approve a budget transfer from another account to wrestling travel.
- If the District funds Regionals, participation should require clear qualification standards.
  - Recommended examples: 95% or higher practice attendance, participation in all scheduled competitions, and academic/activity eligibility for the entire season.
  - Wrestling is unique: basketball and volleyball teams must qualify for Regionals, and AEBSD sends only one basketball team and one volleyball team.
  - A similar qualification expectation for wrestlers would connect additional District-funded travel to season-long commitment and readiness.
- Use one-time state funding only after considering long-term, districtwide priorities for all students.

Bottom line

- No funding was removed from wrestling.
- The schedule was adjusted after public discussion to exchange one major trip for another.
- AEBSD supports wrestling and will continue balancing athletic opportunities with the needs of all students and the Board-adopted budget.

AEBSD Recommendation for $300,000 One-Time State Funding

Board Discussion Draft | FY27

Recommendation Summary. Use this one-time funding to create opportunities that reach students across grade levels and communities, last beyond a single season, and avoid new recurring obligations. My highest priorities are: (1) health, fitness, recreation, and outdoor opportunity; (2) a districtwide Student Opportunity Fund focused on culture, career training, STEM, and future readiness; and (3) safety and emergency preparedness.

Guiding principle: One-time funds should create broad, lasting opportunity for many students—not primarily expand recurring travel for a small number of high-school athletes.

Recommended Framework

Priority	Est. Amount	Purpose
Health, Fitness, Recreation & Outdoor Opportunity	$100,000	Durable resources and programming used by students across grade levels.
Districtwide Student Opportunity Fund	$100,000	Culture, CTE/job training, STEM, college/career exposure, and other high-value opportunities.
Safety & Emergency Preparedness	$100,000	Equipment and infrastructure that protect students and strengthen community readiness.

1. Health, Fitness, Recreation & Outdoor Opportunity - $100,000

Invest in durable resources that can be used during the school day, after school, during summer programming, and through community partnerships.

- PE and fitness equipment for multiple grade levels.
- Outdoor recreation equipment appropriate to each community
- Playground, recreation, fitness-space, or wellness improvements that remain useful for years.
- Equipment that can support athletics without being dedicated to one team or one season.

2. Districtwide Student Opportunity Fund - $100,000

Create a structured fund that expands access to meaningful opportunities for students across AEBSD. This should be broader than athletics and should intentionally support culture, academics, career readiness, and postsecondary pathways.

- Artist-in-Residence programs in multiple communities, including Unangan and other Alaska Native artists, visual arts, music, dance, writing, and traditional arts.

- Travel grants for BBRCTE intensives and skills/job training in areas such as welding, construction, diesel/small engines, healthcare, public safety, aviation, culinary, IT, education, and other regional career pathways.
- ANSEP participation and travel support for eligible students, including middle-school STEM experiences and high-school acceleration/college-credit opportunities.
- College, career, apprenticeship, and workforce exposure trips.
- Academic competitions, leadership, culture camps, fine arts, student recognition, and other enrichment opportunities.
- Elementary and middle-school opportunities—not only high-school travel—so the investment reaches students earlier and across more grade levels.
- A small competitive or application-based travel grant process using common district criteria such as student benefit, number of students served, educational value, cost, and availability of outside matching funds.

A districtwide opportunity fund can help overcome the geographic disadvantage of living in remote communities while creating pathways that are academic, cultural, technical, and career-focused—not only athletic.

3. Facility Upgrades: Safety & Emergency Preparedness - $100,000

Invest in equipment and infrastructure that benefits every student and strengthens schools that also serve as important community facilities.

- Emergency communications, radios, satellite or backup communications where needed.
- AEDs, trauma/first-aid equipment, emergency medical supplies, and replacement cycles.
- Secure-entry, intercom, notification, or other school-safety improvements.
- Emergency preparedness supplies for extended outages, severe weather, transportation disruptions, or community emergencies.

Recommended Decision Criteria

- Broad reach - preference for investments that benefit many students across sites and grade levels.
- Long-term value - preference for programs, equipment, or systems that continue beyond FY27.
- Equity of opportunity - intentionally include elementary, middle, and high school students and students whose interests are not athletics.
- Future readiness - prioritize culture, CTE, STEM, college/career exposure, health, and life skills.
- Sustainability - avoid creating recurring costs that future operating budgets must absorb.
- Leverage - whenever possible, use district dollars to unlock partner, grant, Tribal, municipal, corporate, or philanthropic support.

Relationship to Student Activities

AEBSD already makes a substantial annual investment in student activities and travel. I recommend continuing to support those programs through the adopted activities budget while using this unusual

one-time funding to create additional opportunities that are broader, more durable, and available to more students.

Suggested Board Direction

Direct administration to develop a final one-time funding plan around these three priority categories, with site input, specific programs/purchases, estimated costs, outside partnership opportunities, and implementation timelines, and bring the final allocations back through the FY27 budget revision process.

Guiding question: How can this one-time $300,000 create meaningful opportunities for the greatest number of AEBSD students and leave the district stronger several years from now?