FY21 Preliminary Budget – School Board Requests

On February 17th, the Administration sent a fact paper to the board with responses to Board Member requests. The following questions, with accompanying staff responses, are in response to additional questions and/or amendments raised after the fact paper was sent.

1. A board member wants to better understand the increase to the School Board's budget

   a. The salaries will increase, from FY20 to FY21, for the two board members who are elected in the upcoming April election. The increase in salaries is $7,097. This increase is directed by the Municipality of Anchorage Salaries & Emoluments Commission.

   b. The primary increase occurred under line 490 (other expenses). The district joined the Coalition for Education Equity (CEE) in FY20 (was not included in the FY20 budget) for $32,000 per year, so this cost was added to the FY21 budget.

   c. During the FY20 budget approval, the board directed a $3,000 cut to Dues/Registration/Membership. The $3,000 was added back to the FY21 budget as the costs still had to be paid to cover increased association membership dues.

   d. AASB annual dues are $27,087. NASB annual dues are $10,775.

2. What would be reduced by a 5% and 2% reduction to non-classroom related administration for state functions 510 (District Admin) and 550 (District Admin Support)?

   a. State function 510 (District Admin).

      i. 2% reduction = $118,663.

      ii. 5% reduction = $296,657.

   b. State function 550 (District Admin Support).

      i. 2% reduction = $167,217.

      ii. 5% reduction = $418,042.

3. A School board member asked for the impact of PTR reductions at elementary schools.

    a. PTR increase is a funding formula change. The impact at .5 increase in the elementary would result in 21 of 58 schools being affected by losing at least 1 to 1.5 FTE
    b. The impact at 1.0 increase in PTR in the elementary would result in 41 of 58 schools losing 1-1.5 FTE
    c. The instructional impact is that it would increase the number of combo classes