



SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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Honorable Mayor Bass & Assembly Members:

On behalf of Skagway School District and our Board of Education, I want to express our gratitude for the financial support we've received from the municipality over the years. A significant amount of funding given in the past was designated to special revenue funds including Preschool, Music, Technology Improvement, Food Service, Student Activities, Foreign Language, and Vocational Education. Last year, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development advised school districts across the state to eliminate special revenue funds, specifically those that translated to instructional programs. Pursuant to the directive given by the state, we structured our municipal revenue request for FY2025 to include only programs associated with community recreation (student activities) and community welfare (food service). We intend to replicate the process we used last year to remain in compliance with fiduciary guidelines for Alaskan school districts and to serve our families to the best of our abilities.

I'm writing to request your approval to transfer the fund balances for Preschool, Foreign Language, Music, and Vocational Education into our operating fund. Because the assembly allocated these funds for a specific purpose, we need your concurrence to shift these funds into our operating fund. We plan to offer all of the programs represented by these former special revenue funds for as long as possible. Allowing us the freedom to leverage these funds will significantly enhance the potential for our district to deliver on our mission to provide a world class education for the sons and daughters of Skagway. I'm attaching a chart that represents the fund balances for the former special revenue funds I've described above. Please contact my office if you have any questions or need clarification on any of the concepts I've outlined in this letter.

With Gratitude,

Dr. Joshua B. Coughran
Superintendent
Skagway School District

SKAGWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FY23/24 PROJECTED BUDGET

FUND BALANCES

- FOREIGN LANGUAGE	\$67,254.00
- PRESCHOOL	\$15,499.00
- VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	\$2,669.00
- MUSIC	\$565.00
	\$85,987.00