

Notes from 10/13 Budget meeting (Redoubt, Prep, SOHI)

Things learned/questions/comments from Dusek/Jones video:

Bussing – statewide transportation reduction (veto) is that activity bussing or daily bussing.

New info that bussing is a separate budget

Marijuana tax – will this be appropriated to education? Anticipated to bring 100 – 200 million of revenue to state – not enough to fix the shortfall in the state budget.

State has \$3 billion shortfall - education budget is 1.3 billion – statewide all schools could be shuttered and the gap would still be almost \$2 billion

Review Fund Balance video

Ideas to reduce budget

Health Care - How much is spent, budgeted for retirement vs. health?

What kind of plans are available? What are incentives for employees to save money?

How can Alaska reduce Health Care Costs?

Energy - How can we save without major capital costs?

Custodial Equipment and Chemicals - lower upfront and maintenance working in cooperation with other districts (ASD)

Collaborative/Joint purchases with other Districts to create scaled economies

Staffing - Will have to be looked at? Cut as necessary, obviously cannot cut 100 teachers and maintain services

Extra-curricular activities – Threaten to cut as a motivator (activate the community via non-palatable cuts) Must be willing to follow through if it fails to create additional funding.

Hire part-time staff to reduce costs of benefits?

4 day school week – What is all entailed?

Promote political activism as a District to create community support for increased revenues (year round sales-tax). Be stronger in advocating positions that will increase revenue.