



## Rep. Charisse Millett

### House District 25

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Hillside, Dowling and our Schools

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### Fiscal Plan for Our Future

This week, colleagues and I introduced a comprehensive fiscal plan, [House Bill 192](#). With low oil prices, and an economy in a recession, now is the time to be creative with our assets, and find a path forward. We've been working with experts and listening to constituents about what they believe would be a fair way to fill our fiscal gap. What we've heard is that to re-claim a strong economy, we need to ensure that we're not taking money from Alaskans or lowering incomes.

Our fiscal plan **does not** impose an income tax, and it **does not** cap the amount of the PFD. This plan calls for a spending cap, phased cuts over four years, and the use of Permanent Fund earnings within a sustainable and structured framework that protects and grows the Fund. Many of the plans out there rely heavily on taxes to balance the budget, but our priority is lifting this state out of an economic recession, and holding Alaskans harmless.

Check out [this link](#) for a bit more information about this fiscal plan.

### Budget Update

The House continued to debate the state's [operating budget](#) this week, and took a vote on whether or not to support its passage. I voted noon passing the budget in its current form. The House Majority's budget represents an increase in spending, resulting in a huge, unstructured bite out of our reserves. We need to be very careful about how we proceed in this current economy, and no one committee or committee chair should decide how to close our budget gap.

Moving forward, we will all continue to work on this budget and I hope that progress will be made in reducing government's footprint, so that we can have a sustainable budget into the future.



## School Happenings in District 25

There is lots of interesting activity at the schools in our neighborhoods:

**HANSHEW MIDDLE SCHOOL:** This school year Hanshew Middle School began offering Pre-AP classes for 8th grade students interested in learning strategies that will help prepare them for Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) classes in high school. Students who enter the Pre-AP program take a Pre-AP 8th Grade Language Arts class and a Pre-AP 8th Grade Social Studies class.

Students in these classes learn how to use Pre-AP strategies to analyze complex fiction and nonfiction texts, as well as how to use evidence to support their claims in both formal essays and shorter pieces of writing. They also learn Pre-AP strategies for identifying an author's purpose in a piece of writing or a visual document such as a political cartoon. In addition, students learn strong study skills and how to work collaboratively with their peers.

Hanshew's Pre-AP program instructors collaborate extensively throughout the year. They are focused on helping students prepare to take challenging academic classes in high school. Students who are proficient in reading and writing and have a strong academic record are invited into this rigorous program.

**SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL:** Do you have a Service student getting ready to think about what to do after high school? This Saturday, from 9 AM to 12 PM in the Service High Library, there will be a "College Workshop", featuring three college prep sessions: "Finding the Right Fit", "College Assessments", and "College Athletics 101". Check it out and help your student look forward to their future!

**TRAILSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Trailside Timberwolves are getting excited about STEM learning at their annual Math and Science Night, coming up on March 30th from 6 PM to 8 PM. Students will get to see the inner-workings of machines, learn from local math and science experts, and show off their science projects. Looks like it will be a lot of fun!

**KASUUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Family movie night is coming up next week on March 31st! Join PTA members, students and staff from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM to kick back and enjoy a movie. Thank you so much to our Knights for putting on these great community-building events.

We'll keep our ears open for more fun events in our great schools!



## Absentee Voting in City Elections

The deadline for applying for your absentee ballot for this April's municipal elections is quickly approaching! If you're going to be out of town on Election Day and need to mail in an absentee ballot, consider applying today. By March 28th, the Clerk's Office needs to have received your vote-by-mail application. Participating in our local elections is critical to creating a great, engaged community!

Find out more [here!](#)

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this update! We really appreciate your engagement.

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Warmly,



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