



Rep. Charisse Millett House District 25

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and our Schools**

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Good afternoon!

Good afternoon and happy Friday! It's been a few weeks since our last update, so we hope that you and your family have been able to catch some fish and enjoy this beautiful Alaskan summer! As we head into this weekend, Alaskans can be relieved to know that the Legislature has completed the capital budget.

Capital Budget Passage

Yesterday, the House and Senate convened in Juneau for the 3rd Special Session of the year to pass a Capital Budget, SB 23. Passing this budget was essential to continue work on critical road and safety projects, along with meeting other infrastructure needs. The capital budget, like any bill that passed the Legislature this year, is a product of compromise. Many left many feeling they did not get everything they wanted. However, to receive federal funds and continue maintenance and construction projects, passage of this bill was necessary.

Here are a few highlights of this year's Capital Budget:

- Funding for the Community Assistance Program, for a total distribution of \$38 million
- Funding for the Public and Community Transportation State Match
- Funding for domestic violence and sexual assault prevention programs and shelters
- Funding for increased public safety patrol of the Seward Highway between Anchorage and Girdwood
- Funding for deferred maintenance projects

Additional items important to the economies and safety of our communities and state were also included in this budget. The budget included \$121 million of state funds, and leverages \$1.2 billion in federal matching dollars. I look forward to seeing some projects continue, some come online, and hopefully all put Alaskans to work.

Road Safety

As we enter August, and the slowdown to summer construction season we all must remain aware of the construction zones throughout our city and state. DOT has provided us with another update to the ongoing project along the Seward Highway. Here's what they had to say this week:

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN: Southbound Seward Highway traffic has shifted from the Seward Highway to Homer Drive, which now acts as the southbound Seward Highway. Northbound Seward Highway traffic has shifted from the Seward Highway to Brayton Drive, which now acts as the northbound Seward Highway. Be alert to a reduced speed limit of 45 MPH throughout the construction zone.

- *Please note that no side road access will be permitted to and from the Homer Drive and Brayton Drive frontage roads during construction.*
- *Work will be in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through mid-October, in order to expedite the construction process.*

School Registration

The upcoming 2017-2018 ASD school year is right around the corner (sorry kids!) and you know what that means: registration! In person registration for our schools is as follows:

Service High: August 1st through 3rd, 8am – 11am & 12pm – 3pm

Hanshaw Middle: August 1st through 3rd, 8am – 11am & 12pm – 3pm

Kasuun Elementary: August 1st through 3rd, 9am – 3pm each day. Likewise, [click here for the full school supply list for all grades!](#)

Abbott Loop and Trailside are both August 1st through August 3rd, however they don't have times set yet though we assume they will likely be similar to Kasuun. Abbott Loop does have its supply list up!



Abbott Loop Elementary School Supply List for 2017/18 School Year. Please remember to label your students' personal items like PE shoes, backpack, lunch bag, coat and boots, etc. If they end up in the lost & found, you may never see them again. 😞

**Abbott Loop Elementary School
STUDENT SUPPLY LIST**

GENERAL (All Classes / All Grade Levels)

- PE Shoes [1 pair] Gym shoes with non-marking soles to be left at school
- Backpack [1 each] Backpack or book bag to transport school work to/from home
- Tissue boxes [2 box] Facial tissues, 50-count or larger
- Lunch bag [1 each] Lunch bag or box to transport school lunch to/from home
- Pencils [2 box] #2 pencils
- Crayons [1 box] 24 or less pack
- Colored pencils [1 box] 24 or less pack (not kindergarten)
- White glue [1 each] School glue, 4-oz bottle
- Markers [1 box] 8 count, wide-tipped, washable (not permanent)

Kindergarten Only

- Glue sticks [12 each] Must dry clear/white
- Scissors [1 pair] Blunt-tip, metal

Primary Only (1st, 2nd and 3rd grades)

- Erasers [2 each] Pink
- Scissors [1 pair] Round tip
- Pocket folders [3 each] Two pockets per folder
- Notebook paper [1 pkg] Loose-leaf, 100-count (not spiral bound), wide-ruled (3rd-grade only)

Intermediate Only (4th, 5th and 6th grades)

- Notebook Paper [3 pkgs] Loose-leaf, 100-count (not spiral bound), wide-ruled
- Binder [1 each] Three-ring
- Notebook dividers [1 pkg] 8 tab
- Pocket folders [3 each] Two pockets per folder
- Composition Book [2 each]
- Colored pens [1 pkg] Any color
- Ruler [1 each] 12 inch with inches and centimeters
- Scissors [1 pair]

Check with individual teacher before buying the following items or items not on this list:

- Three-ring binder (Primary)
- Package of dividers (Primary)
- Box of pens
- Dry erase markers

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Fast and Female!

We are so blessed in Alaska to have so many strong, smart, accomplished Alaskan women in sports to inspire our young athletes. We are additionally lucky to have such amazing influencers and athletes committed to helping young women stay confident in their participation in sports through the Fast and Female program. Born out of the idea that girls drop out of sports at 6x the rate of boys in their early teens, and the top reason for their mass

exodus from physical activity is the experience of a lack of social belonging, Fast and Female provides programming designed to keep girls healthy, happy and active in sports through their teens.

Yesterday, Fast and Female USA President Kikkan Randall hosted fellow athletic inspirations at the Alaska Rock Gym and led girls in instructive and fun activities to help show them that they have a place in sports. The day looked absolutely fabulous, and the girls looked enthusiastic and thoroughly engaged.

Thank you so much Kikkan for leading this program and inspiring kids and adults alike! To learn more about Fast and Female, and help the young gals in your life get involved, visit www.fastandfemale.com

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

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Warmly,

Charissa Hillel



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