

Working Timeline

May	June – July	August	September – November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website and community survey launch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration provides analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued community outreach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community town halls District provides initial recommendations School Board issues guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Board approval of a multi-year rightsizing plan

Why is Rightsizing Needed?

ASD’s underutilized campuses present a major barrier that could be sustainably addressed with an intentional school consolidation plan. Community input is needed to thoughtfully reimagine, redesign, and rightsize the District’s campuses for a world-class education.

Summary of ASD’s Current Situation

Anchorage’s population and birth rate have decreased, leading to a significant drop in enrollment. Over the last decade, ASD’s enrollment has decreased by approximately 5,000 students, yet it still has roughly the same number of school buildings. In short, ASD’s footprint is inefficient. This leads to school program inequities, as low-utilization schools face challenges in providing resources comparable to larger schools. Additionally, more families than ever are opting for different modalities of learning. For example, ASD correspondence school enrollment has more than doubled since the 2014 – 15 school year. Similarly, enrollment in ASD choice programs has grown over time.

Demographic Changes (FY 2010 – FY 2024):

- 5,817 fewer students (11.8% reduction)
- 972 more correspondence students (84.4% increase)
- 61.4% increase in the number of Intensive Needs students

Advantages to Rightsizing

- Ensure thriving schools
- More resources for students
- Reimagine our buildings for the needs of now and beyond
- Ensure each student receives equitable academic offerings
- Increase extracurricular sports and activities
- Better match number of buildings to enrollment

