

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA STATEMENT**

No. 4a

MEETING OF: September 26, 2024

Item Title: Discussion: Budget Committee  
Cost Saving Considerations

SUBMITTED BY: Katherine Tatsuda, Budget Committee Chair

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The committee will be discussing cost savings options district administration have shared so far as possible ways to reduce expenses by significant sums of money for the FY26 budget and beyond.

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

Over the last several years the school district has taken "normal steps" to reduce operational expenses. These include reducing staff, increasing operational efficiencies, and cutting unnecessary costs. Unfortunately, due to flat state funding and increasing costs taking a "normal approach" to reducing expenses is not sufficient. The district must explore all cost saving options that include significant organizational restructuring that will greatly impact families.

These are a few cost saving ideas that have been mentioned by district administration so far.

- Eliminating parents' ability to move their student from one school to another during the school year without cause.
- Consolidating elementary schools.
- Reducing the number of charter schools.

The committee will discuss these options and other potential cost saving measures.

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: