

Rilke Community,

The APC held a special meeting on 3/6/2025 to review the ASD board meeting from March 4 and to create an action plan for the upcoming weeks. Here is an overview:

1. On March 4, the ASD Board amended the ASD Administration's recommendations (Memorandum #106) for repurposing Rilke Schule and High Academy into the two closing elementary schools. The Amendments place Stream Academy and Alaska Native Cultural Charter School into the repurposed facilities. As a result, Rilke Schule did not receive Lake Hood in the Rightsizing process. We share in everyone's sentiment regarding the frustration and confusion over the ASD Board decision. We implore our community to stay positive and speak about our school and community without referencing other schools involved.
2. We, as your APC, are actively working on a statement for the Anchorage public and will send this to our community first before sending more broadly. We know that the strength of Rilke Schule comes first from our school community, and we are ever appreciative of that.
3. We are actively working all possible angles to secure our home for the upcoming school year. We will have a building for our children, and there will be additional timely communication as we get more information. We understand your frustration with the lack of specific details, and we appreciate your patience. As these are in the very early stages, we are unable to disclose any details at this time.
4. Our budget for the upcoming school year (2025-2026) was set in December 2024. In this previously approved budget, 1.5 staff who were already planning to leave the school system are not being back-filled, thereby reducing the FTE by 1.5 during the 2025-26 school without actively reducing staff. There are no further planned reductions in staff for the coming school year. . There are several education bills in the Alaska legislature currently that can help increase funding and support for Rilke students. We urge you to research these options and advocate for the best one for your family by writing to your legislators.
5. We encourage our Rilke Community to write to the ASD Board and administration (both reached by this group email schoolboard@asdk12.org) , as well as submitting opinion pieces or letters to the editors with media outlets expressing your confusion and frustration. Please remain positive and civil in your comments while we continue to show everyone why the Rilke Community is so well respected in Anchorage.

Rilke Schule APC

Akara Anglin, Jill Doniere, Jessica Frey, Jason Hotch, Katie Kelly, Robin Phillips, Amanda Thompson, Mark Truog, Maggie Weyrens