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Alaska School Nutrition Association

ATTENTION DARWIN PETERSON:

Office of Honorable Senator Bert Stedman:

We wish to thank the Senator for any and all kind help with the support for Alaska children as reflected in Senate Bill 3.

This school meal assistance is a big deal for those of us tasked with providing the 11 million USDA school meals each year to Alaska Children.

The \$.35 per Breakfast in SB 3 will be partnered with the well established USDA support of \$2.36 per breakfast for students qualifying as free.

The \$.15 per Lunch in SB 3 will be partnered with the well established USDA support of \$4.43 per lunch for students qualifying as free.

The long time successful USDA staffers serving students in Petersburg- Sitka- and all across Alaska need the SB 3 help for supporting school meals.

It turns out, that successful school meal programs are a big deal for success in Alaska classrooms.

The USDA school meal programs in Alaska very successfully comply with and exceed the criteria for appropriate nutrition for student health.

The accountability practices for per meal service are well established for finances and nutrition support.

Audits and trainings and documentation criteria are all well in place for school meal purchases, service, and reimbursement claims.

School Meal providers can be trusted with funding responsibility.

We take great pride in what we do for Alaska kids.

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