

Moving now to education...

- 38) Student graduation and test scores in Alaska consistently rank among the lowest in the nation, despite significant increases in overall state funding for education during the past decade. Given that fact, in your opinion should the state insist on demonstrated student performance improvements in our schools before increasing the state K through 12 education funding formula, or should student performance not be used to determine education funding? [Below options were not read]

Insist on improvements before increasing funding ..... 48%  
Do not take performance into account ..... 43%  
Unsure ..... 9%

- 39) How familiar are you with the concept of school choice programs as they pertain to K through 12 education? Are you...

Very familiar ..... 16%  
Somewhat familiar ..... 29%  
Not too familiar ..... 22%  
-or- Have you never heard of the school choice program ..... 31%  
Unsure ..... 2%

- 40) A school choice program allows parents the option of sending their child to the school of their choice, whether that school is public or private, including both religious and non-religious schools. The goal is to improve overall performance by creating healthy competition among the schools. If this program is adopted, a portion of state funds that are currently allocated to a student's school district would instead follow the student to the school of their parents' choosing.

Would you support or oppose amending Alaska's constitution to allow a school choice program in Alaska? ...and is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?

Strongly support ..... 39%  
Somewhat support ..... 17%  
Somewhat oppose ..... 7%  
Strongly oppose ..... 29%  
Unsure ..... 8%

- 40) Please tell me which of the following two statements comes closest to your view:

Allowing public funds to be used for private schools will lead to an erosion of Alaska's public school system (skipped next question) ..... 31%

-or- Allowing parents to choose where to send their child to school, and allowing a portion of the public funds to follow the child, will create a healthy competition and improve the overall performance of Alaska's schools ..... 61%

Neither/Other (volunteered) (skipped next question) ..... 3%  
Unsure (skipped next question) ..... 5%

READ IN RANDOM ORDER

- 41) Would you support or oppose amending Alaska's constitution to allow a school choice program in Alaska?

Support ..... 84%  
Oppose ..... 11%  
Unsure ..... 5%

Provided by Senator Mike Dunleavy