

A resolution of leaders of parent-teacher organizations
within the Anchorage School District:
Supporting a \$404 increase to the base student allocation,
inflation-proofing the base student allocation,
and providing forward funding to our schools.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska addresses its Constitutional responsibility for public education funding through the school foundation formula which includes a “base student allocation,” referenced often as the “BSA”;

WHEREAS, funding through the State of Alaska Public School Funding Program is the Anchorage School District’s most significant revenue source;

WHEREAS, the BSA is not automatically adjusted for inflation each year;

WHEREAS, inclusion of an annual inflation factor in the formula is necessary to sustain a financial commitment to safe and public access to education;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska’s BSA is a “per-student” payment to school districts, currently set at \$5,680, and has remained the same since 2011;

WHEREAS, based on the inflation rate calculated from the consumer price index for Alaska, the BSA needs to be increased by \$404 to restore the funding level lost to inflation;

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2014, the Anchorage School District proposed its 2014-2015 school budget requiring a layoff of six percent of its teachers and increasing class size, which represent only some of the cuts targeted at closing a \$23 MILLION dollar budget deficit;

WHEREAS other school districts throughout Alaska are experiencing comparable per student budget shortfalls;

WHEREAS, the current BSA of \$5,680 is not adequate to meet the State’s responsibility for safe and public access to public education in Alaska;

WHEREAS , it is critical that the State of Alaska provide forward funding to its schools, to provide the funding certainty to enable school districts to retain teachers and other staff, and to otherwise plan annual balanced budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the under listed leaders of parent-teacher organizations within the Anchorage School District support an increase in the State of Alaska’s Base Student Allocation by at least \$404 this legislative year, inflation-proofing the school foundation formula to sustain financial commitment to safe and public access to public education, and forward-funding Alaska’s schools.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the following members of parent-teacher organizations on this 24th day of February 2014.

Following the February 24, 2014 passing at a public meeting, electronic signatures were collected:

Name	City	State	Zip	Date Signed	Comments
Alison Arians	Anchorage	AK		2/25/2014	
Valerie Buckendorf	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/25/2014	If we truly want quality public education we need to provide adequate, reliable funding for our schools. -Valerie Buckendorf, Rabbit Creek PTA President,
Celia Rozen	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/25/2014	We must raise and inflation-proof the BSA now and going forward, to prevent our schools from further cuts. Celia Rozen, West High PTSA President
Jenna Bridges	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/25/2014	Bayshore Elementary PTA President The quality of education will suffer if staff is decreased or force to seek employment in from other venue due to rising costt of benefits that the District is unable to maintain or meet.
Karen Crowley	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/25/2014	Steller Parent Group supports this!
Alyse Galvin	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/25/2014	
Tina Bernoski	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/25/2014	
Christina Wright	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/25/2014	
Amy Johnson	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/25/2014	Education is important for all children, not just those whose parents are able to be involved in their education. The public education provided to children in this country is something most children in the world never have the chance to receive. We should support it by funding it to the best of our ability.
Regan Brooks	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
Katrina White	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/25/2014	The BSA MUST be increased and inflation-proofed and schools need forward-funding in order to ensure a quality public education for every child in our great state. -Katrina White, Fire Lake Elementary PTA President
Amey Tamagni, VIP	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/25/2014	To continue funding our most important resource- Children.
PTA Unit AK	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/25/2014	Fire Lake Elementary School PTA Treasurer
Amber Schmidt	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/25/2014	All our accomplishments pale in comparison to educating the next generation.
Robert Klieforth	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
Corrina Rinella	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
Andrea Shearer	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/25/2014	In order to provide quality education for our children each year, the BSA must be increased and inflation proofed.- Bear Valley PTA Treasurer and mother of 3 boys My child attends Bayshore Elementary and I am on the PTA Board. I devote my free time to ensuring that my child's school is the best it can be. But we need the base student
KC Elliott	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/25/2014	

					allocation raised to ensure that our school has the resources it needs to continue being a good school. Please do not hold public schools hostage over the ideological beliefs of -some- Alaskans. We are a community, and we are only as strong as our weakest link. We need good schools to ensure that Alaska is a competitive state with competent employees ready for the jobs of the future.
Suzanne Smerjac	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	I believe that all schools need a funding increase after 4 years of flat funding, which amounts to major cuts because of inflation. Our schools are at their tipping point and are starting to have to cut into critical programs that ensure children's success. I have a child attending Aquarian Charter School.
Tanya Iden; Aquarian Charter School Parent	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	Strong schools = a strong economy, a strong community, a better world. Public education is the hallmark of our democracy. EVERYONE deserves a high quality education. Visionary leaders understand this basic concept. Act now to sustainably fund our schools. I have 2 children attending Aquarian Charter School. I am a strong public school advocate. I believe that high quality education is the key to a bright future. All children should have access to great schools, where the teachers are compensated for their important work, and facilities are conducive to learning. This can only be achieved through adequate funding. The BSA needs to be increased and maintained to reflect current education costs.
Hilkka Bold	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	Supporting the best education we can provide for our students is the best investment we can make in our future. Our young people deserve that from us and our whole community will benefit from it in every aspect of our lives.
Linda Janidlo	Anchorage	AK	99511	2/25/2014	
Sky Sunday	Lancaster	PA	17603	2/25/2014	
Marti Pausback	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/25/2014	
Lisa Mounds-Craft	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/25/2014	PTA President Romig Middle School
Elaine Todd	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/25/2014	
Heather McEntyre	JBER	AK	99506	2/25/2014	As a temporary member of the Anchorage community, I feel my child should have the best education possible. Limited funding and budget cuts are not conducive to such. As a military spouse, the constant relocating

					and mobility of life is hard enough, we must have faith that the communities we migrate to provide quality education for our children.
Susan Anderson	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/25/2014	
Kimber Rodgers	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
Valerie Whitmore	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
					Because public schools are about the most important thing we can spend our money on. They are the bedrock of a productive and healthy society. I went to the ASD, my kids go there, and I want our schools to be excellent now and into the future.
Thea Bemben	Anchorage	AK	99503	2/25/2014	I believe the BSA needs to at least be increased to meet inflation. That just makes business sense. Forward funding needs to be provided to maintain the forward momentum our city's public schools have been showing. In addition, no monies should leave the public school sector to fund private schools.
Tiffany Patzke	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/25/2014	
Kristin Sholton	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
Colleen Richards	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/25/2014	
					Hanshew PTA President, Trailside Elem, Bowman Elem, & Service High PTA Member/committee
Bright Nygard	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/25/2014	
Monica Inman	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/25/2014	Fire Lake Elementary, PTA secretary
Amanda Trozzo-Packer	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/25/2014	
Sara Malenfant	Fairbanks	AK	99712	2/25/2014	Our future is the education of today's youth. Pay now or pay later.
Amy Downer	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/25/2014	
Pili Goddard-Vaughan	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014	Because our children's' education should not be compromised, our state will be stronger for it
Christina Eubanks	Anchorage	AK	99518	2/26/2014	
Tasha Hazen	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014	
Ann Loyd	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	
Anna Goddard-Vaughan	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014	
					This is the only fair and logical way to insure adequate and perhaps even exceptional education for our citizens. Inflation is a reality. Educators are not magicians--they cannot do more with less and less funding. We need to provide consistent, adequate funding for our students now and into the future.
Anna Mayra	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014	
Ronnie Rosenberg	Fairbanks	AK	99712	2/26/2014	

steve anderson	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/26/2014
Michael Nichols	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/26/2014
Mary Kretzschmar	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014
EMILY BECKER	ANCHORAGE	AK	99508	2/26/2014
Christy McMurren	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014
Maryellen Robinson	Nenana	AK	99760	2/26/2014
Aaron Poe	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/26/2014
Robin and Patrick Wittrock	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014
Trudy McMullen	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014
Kimberly Stryker	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/26/2014
Kristin Dahl	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/26/2014
Alison Annis	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/26/2014
David Varney	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/26/2014

"Our kids are our most important resource. Education needs to be a top priority! Vice-President, Sand Lake PTSA"

Annette Heckart	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/26/2014
Tina Baurick	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/26/2014
Heather Mouw	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014
Shannon Crosson	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/26/2014
Julie Jordan	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/26/2014

I am part of the Ocean View PTA and am in full support.

President, Tomo No Kai ~Friends of Japanese Immersion

The impact of the loss of staff will be compounded exponentially in years to come. Fairview PTA Treasurer

Jannet Galloway	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/26/2014
Michelle Kuehn	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014

Public education is not only important to my kids, but also to the long-term health of the Alaska economy. Protecting education funding is a vital investment in our collective future.

Patrick Galvin	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014
Jenada Johnson	Anchorage	AK	99518	2/26/2014
Vondelette Gaither	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/26/2014
Percy Johnson	Anchorage	AK	99577	2/26/2014
Lynne Jablonski	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/26/2014
Cassie San Miguel	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014
Johnse Ostman	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014
Nicole Lantz	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/26/2014
Mel Gibby	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/26/2014
Angie Lantz	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014
Joann Mitchell	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014
Jan Maurer	North Pole	AK	99705	2/26/2014
Angela Watts	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014
Willow Monterrosa	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/26/2014
Jeannie Carey	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/26/2014

Shanna Zuspan	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014	
Craig Medak	Anchorage	AK	99503	2/26/2014	
Monette Tyree	Anchorage	AK	99523	2/26/2014	
Sean Tyree	Anchorage	AK	99523	2/26/2014	
Noelle Holt	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/26/2014	
Lea Filippi	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	PTA member. Parent of a student enrolled in the Spanish Immersion program at Government Hill Elementary School.
Kevin Tritt	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	
Emily Alsup	Seward	AK	99664	2/26/2014	
Anthea Ohana	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014	I have two young children who need to have a safe, supportive educational environment.
Molly McGee	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	
Jackie Morrison	Anchorage	AK	99522	2/26/2014	
Susan Laughton	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/26/2014	
Lisa Kozler	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/26/2014	
Elizabeth Soto	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014	
Melanie Dittrich	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	
SUSANA TORRES-HAURI	Anchorage	AK	99509	2/26/2014	Because child don't cut and my child is one of this great students
Susannah Olnes	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014	
Katherine Blewett	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/26/2014	
Lisa Fletcher	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014	
Lori Fitzpatrick	anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014	
Jeff and Jessica Rigby	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014	An educated populace is our most valuable resource. Kids, not cuts! Charter schools do great things with very limited resources. These funds will help make investments in the classroom, where they are most needed and belong.
LuAnn Piccard	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014	
Joan Wasserman	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/26/2014	
Fabrette Campbell	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/26/2014	I have two children in Alaska's public school system and have seen what schools have been going through the last several years. Personally, all of my transportation and utility bills for my own family have gone up over the last several years, and I'm sure schools' costs have as well, but without added funding, this starts to become impossible to cover without a big effect on our childrens' education. To not increase the BSA along with inflation has become very detrimental to our state's education system. Please add to the BSA, and inflation-proof the BSA formula to stop the insanity that occurs every year with school district budgets. School district officials
Richelle Lay	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/26/2014	

					could be doing other much more productive things for our children with their time. Our children all deserve an exceptional education. There isn't a more important use of our tax dollars.
Kjirsten Langland	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/26/2014	
Kymber Dixon	anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014	
Claudia van Emmerik	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	
Scott Anaya	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/26/2014	
Heather Siegel	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/26/2014	Education is key and my son attends Aquarian Charter School
Savanna Brady	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/26/2014	
					The Anchorage School District is doing a great job even though it is faced with so many challenges. Forward funding and inflation proofing public schools should be a priority so school districts around the state can focus on their main job which is providing the best possible education to our kids.
Alice Knapp	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/26/2014	
Jose Martignon	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/26/2014	For the education of the childre and to be able to have more teaching programs for them.
Jennifer Hall Jones	Anchorage	AK	99508-4862	2/26/2014	Commitment to education requires backbone. It means we value the effort required to keep our minds and spirit alive.
David Sanders	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/26/2014	
					The quality of education our children receive will directly affect their future. Overcrowding and understaffing is detrimental to our school systems.
Julie Danielson	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/27/2014	
Andrea Ward	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/27/2014	
John Randolph	Juneau	AK	99801	2/27/2014	
MaryBeth Printz	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/27/2014	
Michael Casey	Eagle River	AK	99577	2/27/2014	
Kate Stockly-Meyerdirk	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/27/2014	
Helen Armstrong	ANCHORAGE	AK	99502	2/27/2014	
Kim Johnson	anchorage	AK	99517	2/27/2014	
Bryn Borders	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/27/2014	Concerned parent, wife of teacher
Katie Bisson	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/27/2014	
Jennifer Lockwood	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/27/2014	
					I became an American Citizen after I say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning in my daughter's kindergarten classroom at Aquarian Charter School, I realize how important was for me, my family and my friends to be part of this amazing Pledge and believe in this country. My daughter and all the kids at her school are surrounded by
Araceli Mayers	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/27/2014	

					amazing Teachers and staff, but they need all you can do to support them, so they can do their job. We have to have strong foundation on our kid's education, they are the future of this country, but we can not do it with out your help and if Public Schools do not get what they need, our Kids will not get what they need to succeed. Thank you.
Kari Olds	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/27/2014	Bear Valley Elementary PTA President
Alexa Filanowicz	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/27/2014	
Sacie Lambertson	Winchester	KS	66097	2/27/2014	We have grandboys in two Anchorage HS and a daughter active in the PTAs of both so we know the issues and highly approve of well funded schools which helps to make the best education possible. A good education is important to our grandsons' future.
Salley Kim	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/27/2014	
Jennifer Kueter	anchorage	AK	99504	2/27/2014	
Caroline Storm	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/27/2014	An educated populace is our most valuable resource. Kids, not cuts!
Andrea Moceri	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/27/2014	
Lisa Johnson	Anchorage	AK	99502	2/27/2014	Important because education is crucial to our future. Our children deserve a quality education. I think teachers already have a tough job due to class sizes and other limitations due to budget. I think this is going to cause increased stress to both the teachers and students. I also think decrease staffing is a safety concern. Please continue to invest in our future by providing quality education to our children. Thank you!
Brianne Moats	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/27/2014	
Emily Schutte	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/28/2014	So we have a higher Teacher to Student ration to better aide in the teaching to our children. It seems more and more there are way too many students per teacher and they are not getting the help they need to succeed.
Amanda True	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/28/2014	
Amanda Seldomridge	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/28/2014	I have a niece in the Anchorage School District, and want her to receive the best education ever. I am also a teacher in the district and with a lower budget teachers will be displaced and laid off. The lay offs will result in increased class sizes and less success for our students.
Connie Jones	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	
Stephanie Damrill	Anchorage	AK	99501	2/28/2014	
Rachel Faulkner	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	We are looking to lose fantastic teacher at

Wendy Woolf	Indian	AK	99540	2/28/2014	Abbott Loop elementary. Large class sizes will harm our children!
Dawn Bell	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	Our students are our most important resource. Investing in our students education is investing in Alaska future.
Merri Rowe	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/28/2014	3rd grade Teacher Abbott Loop Elementary
Gretchen Stoddard	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/28/2014	
Brandy Davenport	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	
Bradley Hodges	Fairbanks	AK	99709	2/28/2014	
Rachelle Sanderson	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	
Pete Schaub	Anchorage	AK	99517	2/28/2014	I have children in the ASD.
Linda Lundstrom	Anchorage	AK	99504	2/28/2014	
Rachel Weaver	Anchorage	AK	99515	2/28/2014	
Shelby Theriault	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/28/2014	I have a child in the school district and I am a currently displaced teacher with 11 years of service to the school district.
Gloria Christenson	Anchorage	AK	99508	2/28/2014	
Merri Shunk	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	Children are our greatest resource
Tom Hancock	Anchorage	AK	99507	2/28/2014	We need to make education a priority and not a shortfall.
Jeanne Mcdonald	Anchorage	AK	99516	2/28/2014	
Teresa San Miguel	Anchorage	AK	99507	3/1/2014	
Jennifer Meyer	Anchorage	AK	99504	3/1/2014	
Susan Ritter	Anchorage	AK	99502	3/1/2014	The State of Alaska must commit to supporting student education K-12.
Charles Bingham	Sitka	AK	99835	3/1/2014	
Keith Nyitray	Sitka	AK	99835	3/1/2014	
Laura Harris	Anchorage	AK	99508	3/1/2014	My children attend a charter school which we love. It is painful to see all the schools struggling with lack of funding.
Sue Armstrong	Anchorage	AK	99516	3/2/2014	WPG member for Winterberry Charter School
Tonia Burrough	Anchorage	AK	99516	3/3/2014	
Valerie Baffone	Anchorage	AK	99515	3/3/2014	We need to keep our public schools strong. Without this increase the classroom challenges will just get worse and kids will be denied opportunities to do well.
Michael Dobesh	Wasilla	AK	99687	3/3/2014	I want the best educational opportunities for my grandchildren.
Jacquelyn Forsyth	Anchorage	AK	99507	3/3/2014	
Angie Kearns	Anchorage	AK	99502	3/3/2014	
Lori Guyer	Anchorage	AK	99507	3/3/2014	PTA President at Trailside Elementary School.