



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
Committee name
Committee on CCS dated 4-01-13
Bill/Subject

~~I do~~ My name is Jane Bell,
I live in Palmer, AK,
I support new Head Start school
building project in Palmer.

Signed: Jane Bell
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April 01, 2013

Senator Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair, Senate Finance
Senator Pete Kelly, Co-Chair, Senate Finance
Alaska State Legislature
State Capital Room 505
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RE: SB 13 Capital Budget...Support for Japan Tsunami Debris Cleanup Funding at \$5,000,000

During the summer of 2012, the State of Alaska DEC contracted with Airborne Technologies, Inc of Wasilla to fly an aerial coastal survey of the Gulf of Alaska in order to establish a "baseline" for assessing the expected future onslaught of debris from the Japanese tsunami of 2011. The survey revealed however, that tsunami debris had already heavily impacted the entire Alaskan shoreline; far ahead of the NOAA forecasted timeline.

Roughly 8000 high-resolution images were taken and processed for debris density and composition. One indicator used to identify tsunami debris in the images was a particular float style rarely found on Alaskan beaches but used extensively in the aquaculture industry of Japan. The float is composed of Styrofoam; about the size of a 55-gallon drum. We identified hundreds and hundreds of these floats, spread from the most southern tip of Alaska, along the entire Gulf coast and extending into the northern shores of Bristol Bay.

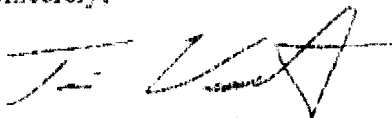
The foam floats were in various stages of being broken down into small particles. We also found large quantities of spray urethane foam from building insulation. The quantity of foam on our beaches was both incredible and discouraging. In addition to foam, we identified innumerable household items and plastic containers including dozens of small refrigerators, large industrial items, sections of walls and what we suspect to be numerous hazmat items contained in sealed drums and buckets.

The quantity of debris seen last summer is unprecedented and yet supposedly is just the leading edge of expected debris.

We believe it is imperative that the State of Alaska addresses this ecological disaster through both mitigation efforts and continued monitoring surveys. Airborne Technologies would like to voice our support for capital budget funding of \$5 million for cleanup of Alaska's coastlines impacted by debris from the Japan tsunami.

An overview of our survey can be found at www.atjak.net and the DEC website.

Sincerely,



Tim Veenstra – president
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Committee name

Committee on SENATE BILL NO 18, dated 4-1-2013
Bill/Subject

I WOULD LIKE TO WRITE IN FAVOR + SUPPORT
OF THE FUNDING FOR CCS EARLY LEARNING'S
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Talking Points
\$4 million Legislative Request
CCS Early Learning – Palmer Head Start and Administrative Offices

Agency Information

- CCS Early Learning has been in the business of serving Alaskan children and families for 42 years.
- CCS has 81 regular employees, 14 intermittent employees (subs) and approximately 16 contractors.
- CCS serves over 400 children each year at 4 locations, 3 of which are in the Mat-Su, 1 is in Chuglak and also serves Eagle River

Project Information

- 14,000 square feet of new construction on 2.5 acres located at 1100 S Felton St in Palmer (In front of Tsunami Warning Center).
- Adjacent to "Wilson Park" to be constructed by City of Palmer summer of 2013
- This single new facility will replace two facilities that are currently leased. This will save the agency \$50,000 - \$100,000 annually in facility expenses. These savings can be used for direct services for children and families.
 - Palmer Head Start Center
 - Has been in 4 different locations over the past 20 years
 - Must vacate current location after 2013-2014 school year
 - Serves Palmer, Butte, North Glenn Hwy, South to Parks, Trunk Rd, Palmer-Fishhook, and Hatchers Pass
 - Will increase from 2.5 classrooms to 4 classrooms
 - Site will allow for two additional classrooms to be built in the future
 - Will include a multipurpose room (not available now) for indoor play, staff training, or community events
 - Administrative Office
 - Square feet allocated for administrative use will decrease compared to current facility.
- Strong local support: Letters from Mat-Su Health Foundation, MSB School District, Palmer Chamber of Commerce, OCS, United Way, City of Palmer, Many businesses – especially health and dental providers.
- Total estimated project cost - \$6,890,619. State legislative request - \$4,000,000

Your CCS Early Learning story!

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Public Testimony – Senate Finance Committee

SB 18 – April 1, 2013

Good afternoon Senator Meyer and committee members – thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'm Bob Moore w/BP America, I'm also Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska, and I am here to ask you to fully fund our one-time Capital request for the Mentoring for Educational Success Initiative.

At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska, we've seen thousands of kids turn their lives around, improve their performance at school, and become productive citizens with the help of their Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Mentoring for Educational Success is a partnership with school districts across the state to provide mentoring for children who are struggling academically as indicated by their scores on the 3rd Grade Standards-based Assessment tests. These are the children most at risk for academic failure, dropping out of school, and involvement in the justice system.

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Instead of using these scores to predict the need for future prison beds, we will target struggling students based on these scores, and through professionally supported volunteer mentors, will change their academic and life trajectories, helping them graduate from High School. Census figures show that High School graduates earn 75% more in their lifetimes than non-graduates. That means more resources for our state. Consider, too, that the cost to incarcerate a juvenile in Alaska is \$140,000/yr. For \$2,000, Big Brothers Big Sisters can provide an at-risk child with the support that will reduce that child's risks for delinquency, and increase the odds that child will graduate on time.

This is an investment that will pay off for our state and lead us to a 90% graduation rate by 2020. I too ask you to invest in our most precious resource -- our children -- and fund the Mentoring for Educational Success Initiative. Thank you.

Bob Moore

04/01/2013