

Sen EDC

Financial Literacy

SB 99

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What is Financial Literacy?



- Understand how much you earn and spend
- Repay and avoid debt
- Build assets and achieve personal goals
- Achieve financial security later in life

Why do we need Financial Literacy?



- Only $\frac{1}{3}$ of Americans can comfortably cover a \$400 emergency
- Average credit card debt in Alaska: \$8,026
- Average student loan debt in Alaska: \$34,024
- F rating for financial literacy education

Senate Bill 99



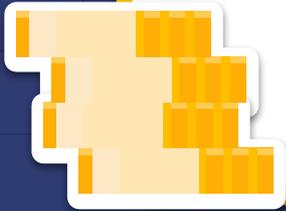
- **Adds a 0.5 credit in financial literacy**
- **Course should cover topics including:**
 - Making a budget
 - Avoiding fraud and financial deception
 - Basic principles of retirement accounts
 - Postsecondary financial aid and scholarships

Support for Senate Bill 99



- Margo Bellamy, ASD School Board President
- Matt Hunter, Teacher (17 years)
- Leola Rutherford, Concerned Parent, Educator, & 5th Generation Alaskan
- George L Stewart, Parent
- Nava A. Stephenson, Student
- Maria Nafzger, Student
- Harper Landry, Student
- Kelly Lessens, Anchorage School Board Treasurer and Finance Chair
- Nonie Mucha, Student
- Madeleine Ashour, ExcelinEd in Action

Questions?



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