

# BRIEF HISTORY & OVERVIEW OF **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS IN ALASKA**

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# SERVICES PROVIDED BY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

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ALASKA  
RESIDENTIAL  
SCHOOLS  
COALITION

# CHALLENGES OF CURRENT FUNDING STRUCTURE

**STEPHENCALKIN**

Assistant (& Incoming) Superintendent  
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# ACTIONABLE STRUCTURAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

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Director of Administrative Projects  
Galena City School District



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