

Eva Clark

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
Po Box 844
Sitka AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am writing to Thank you for your efforts to raise the BSA. Also inform you to keep trying to raise it.

First of all one very important reason to raise the BSA is to increase the pay for teachers so they will stay and teach in Alaska. Our school is losing teachers left and right. Our middle school doesn't have a P.E. Teacher because our pay is so low that no one wants to stay and teach us. We have to share multiple of your teachers with the high school and elementary school.

We need new sports supplies. We need to update most all of our sports equipment. Our basketball jerseys are old, stained, and they look weird. Our wrestling singlets are old and worn out, we don't even have women's singlets. Our wrestling mat is beat up and nasty and old. Our gym floor is nasty and has stuff sticking on it. Its terrible for diving on for volleyball.

One of the most important reasons for more money is because our building is falling apart and moldy. We have literal holes in our ceilings with water that drips out of them every time it rains. The water that comes out of our ceiling is brown and could be a serious health Hazard. There is mold in our walls which is a health Hazard to kids and the staff. Our gym hasn't been deep cleaned in a long time so all the sweat and grime and food is just sitting there molding the cracks and on our floor and under our bleachers. Our gym ceiling falls out really easy and has brown stains all over the tiles.

Thank you for standing up for us in trying to raise the BSA and we encourage and support you to keep working on it.

Sincerely, Eva Clark

Saranne Stonecipher

Craig City School District



January 28, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear, Representative Himschoot,

I am writing to thank you for supporting BSA increase. Our school and other schools in AK really need the Base Student Allocation to be increased. This school is not doing good, it's a health hazard and it's dangerous. There is a lot of water coming out of our ceiling. The water coming out of the ceiling can be a big health hazard for the students and teachers. There is so much mold on our the ceiling and the walls, and people can be really allergic to all the mold. The ceiling and the lights also need an update. The lights are always flickering and not working and the ceiling needs lots of work.

Our school does not pay the teachers enough so they have to cut off the teachers. We can keep all of our teachers. We don't have enough money to pay them. All the teachers need better pay and a better retirement.

We need more school supplies for all of the classes. Our textbooks have really old learning material. needs an update. We need more books, all of the books are getting really old. Our books are ripping and getting in really bad shape. Finally science equipment needs an update, getting old and ancient, and not useable.

Sincerely yours,

Saranne Stonecipher

Cassidy Wolfe

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative Rebeca Himschoot
PO Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am writing to encourage you to support increasing the Base Student Allocation
Because the school is being held together by hopes, dreams and little else.

The plumbing is so bad that holes and bubbles show up in the ceiling and leaking
disgusting water. There is also black mold in the walls and it is a massive health
hazard. There is no ventilation in some rooms so your either really hot or really cold.

If you raised the salary / retirement more teachers would come and out current
teachers wouldn't be so exhausted all the time and way more electives and subjects to
learn.

We would have better Lunch and breakfast. We are either having the same 18 things all
year. It also is varying in quality and is mostly lasagna rollups which are disgusting and
either cold or hot and the milk we have we always have a day to drink it before it goes
bad. They always have talks or announcements on how they barley have any money.

I appreciate what you are doing ,and I hope the school has enough money to survive.

Have a good week.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Wolfe

Hayden Fithian

Craig City School District



Dear Representative Himschoot

Our school and other districts in Alaska are struggling to keep up with the rising inflation which has been effecting how much money our school gets, but if the Base Student Allocation was raised it could help benefit districts greatly.

The lower BSA value has directly impacted our teachers and the way our school runs. The Craig city school district is attracting fewer teachers every year, and we now don't have enough teachers to have a proper P.E class and Health class.

The lack of money has also been impacting how often we can fix our school's never ending maintains repairs. We have multiple holes in our ceiling from rain and from tiles falling that leak water when it rains. We also have mold Inside our ceilings and leaky plumbing in the bathrooms and so much more, all of witch is making us constantly waste money on repairs.

Considering all of this raising the BSA would be a great way to help schools all across Alaska fight the ever rising inflation across the country. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Hayden Fithian

Brian C. Owen

Craig City School District



January 29, 2025`

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I would like to get started by saying our school is super damaged. Its a liability for so many reasons. Our ceiling has so many holes in it. It leaks so much we have to put garbage cans under the holes and by the end of the day the bottom of the trash can is full of water, and to be honest its disgusting. Our bathroom plumbing is horrible. When we flush the toilets, water from the pipes come out through the tiles in the bathroom. Then there is the gym, our gym is semi-safe we can play pretty much any sport/game without hitting the ceiling except kickball and volleyball. When we hit the gym ceiling while playing these the ceiling tiles will shift out of place and there is a possibility that one can fall and hit someone, and there is mercury under our gym floor.

Secondly the BSA should be raised because it would benefit teachers and us students. For teachers they would get better pay, and a better retirement. For students it would be nice because we need new sports equipment because most of our sports stuff is outdated. And we wouldn't have to do as much fundraising.

The BSA should be raised so we can get better lunches, our lunch ladies have a hard time ordering lunch because their on a small budget. So they make the same things a lot which is boring, and most of us barely eat lunch anymore. And I know its only school lunch. Its just supposed to be filling not a five star meal.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Owen

FROM THE DESK OF

Nolan Fithian

Craig city school district



January 27, 2025
Representative Himschoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

Our district, like many across the state is a financial mess. If the Base Student Allegation was raised that could be fixed.

Raising the B.S.A would have a big impact on the students of this school. Our elective classes don't have enough money to pay for the needed supplies. Without more money we will loose more and more of our classes. If the B.S.A was raised we could do more hands on activities which would benefit students education. We would also be able to have more field trips.

Raising the B.S.A would also be helpful for the staff and teachers. We would be able to raise staff pay and make their retirement better. If we did that we would attract more teachers to come here and work which would be quite helpful because we have a shortage on staff and even have to share some with both the elementary and high school.

This building could fall apart any minute. There are multiple holes in the roof and we have to put trash cans under them to collect the dirty water that drips out. The plumbing is a mess and needs to be fixed. There are leaks everywhere, when you flush the toilets water seeps up through the cracks in the tiles and the water fountains are constantly having problems. Our entire gym needs to be updated. The roof is made up of a bunch of fragile tiles that when they get hit, fall down and could possibly injure someone. The flooring is made of concrete with rubber on top and a bunch of mercury buried underneath and that would be nice to replace with a wooden court. Some other things the building has problems with are temperature control & an abundance of mold.

Thank you for your efforts,

-Nolan Fithian

Arianna George-Sheakley

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot

Dear Representative Himschoot,

My name is Arianna, I've been a student at Craig schools for honestly longer than any other school, and I've gone to at least 4 different schools, but by far this school has been a bit problematic. Let's start with what has affected us, the students of Craig schools.

As students we deserve good health, safety, and education to have good futures. This school is not healthy, we have mold in our walls, leaks in our ceilings, holes in those same ceilings, leaks in our bathroom floor tiles, and ceiling tiles in the gym that will fall if you accidentally hit the tiles. As middle school students we can be dumb sometimes and can get hurt a lot, but we don't even have a nurse to help us. We just have to deal with it. Our education is now limited due to lack of teachers so we have less opportunities to grow as a person.

Speaking of lack of teachers, that's another problem here, raising the BSA would not only benefit the students but also the teachers. These teachers deal with like 50 students daily on their own. They don't get paid enough to deal with all of us students and don't even get a good break, not even after they're done with teaching. They don't get good retirement or enough money for the work they've done.

I guess if you are still reading you are not convinced. There's still our gym and the food. Our gym supplies are old and broken, while our food is frozen and reheated so many times that it doesn't taste at all healthy. Students have even started just not eating that food and can't use as much equipment as we used to a couple years ago because of how battered and old they are. Even though I have more to say, I have not enough space to write that, so I know you will make the right decision either way.

Sincerely yours,

Arianna George-Sheakley

Marleigh Arnce

Craig City School District



January 24, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I'm writing to you to encourage you to support increasing the Base Student Allocation for our school and students here in Alaska.

Our school is a health hazard. We have water dripping from our ceiling caused by the water that we get from the rain we get. The water that comes from the ceiling that makes our school moldy and some students and teacher are allergic to the mold in our school. The water dripping from our ceiling is contaminated from the mold we have from the rain we get 24/7.

Our gym ceiling is made from tiles that fall regularly when we are in the gym and people are playing kickball. People can get hurt from the tiles that fall and break in half or into multiple pieces. We also have mercury under our 2 layers of gym flooring.

We need less fundraising We have to fundraise so much for sports for school field trips because and we should only have to fundraise a few times to get enough money to on trips. Sometimes we don't even get to go on the trips because we don't have enough money to go or our parents have to pay out of pocket.

We believe in you.

Sincerely yours,

Marleigh Arnce

Bristol Crosthwaite

Craig City School District



January 28, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot

P.O. Box 844

Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am writing you to ask for your support for our school district. We are in desperate need of money. This year's state funding is not enough for our school district. The funding is not going as far as we need.

The building is old and its just falling apart. There's mold in the ceiling and the walls. The mold is a hazard for everyone. The water is leaking from the ceiling. It is a danger for anyone that walks under it. the tiles in the gym have been falling.

My teachers deserve better pay because they do several jobs on top of their regular job. We have to share our band teachers and our seals teacher. So it gives less learning for us kids. The middle school doesn't get gym class because of scheduling. The high school and elementary school get the gym teacher. We also don't have a health teacher anymore, we just have a guy that just reads to us from a book.

Our school is in a need of new sports equipment and uniforms. The uniforms are so old. They are stained and worn out. Our school has had them for way to long. The cheer uniforms are like 20 years old. Our sports teams also have to fundraise way to much for traveling. The gym floor is made with mercury and it is a big heath hazard for everyone. The mats for wrestling are also old and worn out.

Please do what you can to help our district.

Sincerely, Bristol Crosthwaite

Veronika Kuzmenko

Craig City School District



24 January 2025

Representative Rebecca Himshoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK, 99835

Dear Representative Himshoot

I am writing to encourage you to support increasing the Base Student Allocation in my school, if the BSA will be increased it will make better life for every student in Alaska.

The other reasons why the BSA has to be increased is because the school has to get repairs like ceiling holes and light repairs, also there should be a teachers pay increase.

Also the BSA should be increased for school to have enough money to be able to pay for traveling for kids that play sports, and also the school should get more money to get better equipments for sports, And our school should get more coaches.

Another reason why the school should get more money is because the school should get better science lab equipment. Also students have to do so much fundraising, pay out of pocket.

Veronika Kuzmenko

Liam McCoy

Craig City School District



January 24, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear, Representative Himschoot

I am reaching out to encourage you to help raise the Base Student Allocation. Raising the BSA for Alaska's students would greatly benefit them in many ways.

Increasing the BSA will greatly benefit teachers. As their pay rates may increase. We will be able to attract and retain more teachers. Resulting in better education and classes. Also it will allow teachers to keep their personal money instead of using it to get materials for their students. Teachers will also have a better retirement.

If the BSA was raised it would increase learning opportunities. Our education is being accelerated in some classes. Like my health class that is being taught by my science teacher due to not enough funding for a health teacher. Also it is only about half an hour every day for one quarter to study a full text book. Some electives were cut because we don't have the funds to maintain them. If the BSA was raised it would Also increase hands on activities and labs.

The BSA is so low that we cant even maintain our building. There are holes in our ceiling. That water starts leaking from every few days. Also the plumbing in the bathrooms is disgusting. Every time someone flushes a toilet water starts bubbling up from between the tiles, this needs to be fixed but we don't have the funds.

Sincerely yours,

Liam McCoy

Payton Escamilla

Craig City School District



January 24, 2025

Representative Rebeca Himschoot
P.O. box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I'm writing to you to talk about raising the Base Student Allocation. Raising the BSA would be very beneficial for many students.

Our school has many health concerns for students. There is mold in the walls and bathrooms. For many students this is a big concern. The bathroom floor leaks water. The water gets on are shoes and spreads germs across the school. The roof has holes in it in the hallways. Water leaks from them and is not clean.

As a student we have to miss out on many opportunities. Students have to pay a fee every time they want to play a sport. For some people that is hard to do. We don't have science equipment that is not broken or old. If we had better science equipment we could learn better.

Raising the BSA would make finding teachers easier. It would allow us to hire new teachers. This would give us more learning opportunities. It would raise the chances to keep teachers. If we keep teachers it would make it easier on other teachers. It would help teachers retire. This would give other teachers more opportunities.

Raising the BSA would be very helpful. It would help fix the mold and the hole problems. It would give students more opportunities to learn. It would help teacher get more electives and classes for students. We would be very thankful if you rise the BSA.

Sincerely yours,

Payton Escamilla

Matthew Gardner

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
P.o Box 844
Sitka Ak 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

To adequately increase students knowledge and education quality at Craig Middle School, a considerable increase of Base Student Allocation (BSA) funding is required. I am writing to you to raise the base student allocation. [There are several issues with our learning environment from the leaking roof, classrooms too small, and class sizes too large.]

The classrooms are too small for learning. Currently there is no room to sit and have our own individual learning spaces, Our current conditionals are our desks having to touch each others in order for us to all fit in the class. We have no alternative learning space in the classrooms. Being so close without space the environment is distracting and hard to learn.

The current limit of students a teacher can have in each of their classes are too high. Not only the classrooms are too small but the number of students per class is too high. It is hard to get individualized attention or even the attention of the teacher when you are waiting on your other 20 classmates to get their questions answered. Having additional teachers and space will create an optimal learning environment.

Lastly having a healthy learning environment free from the unhealthy building conditions of the leaking roof which could have been leaking for more then three years. Having such a leak for so many years can cause mold and mildew from the moisture issues, ceiling and wall damage, structural damage, and electrical hazards. Having a safe and healthy school should be a top priority of the state.

Increasing the BSA funding is an appropriate way you can help Craig Middle School lower class size, increase learning space, and fix the roof and all the damage it has caused. Thank you for you time and consideration in this matter. `

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Gardner

Jaxon Deniger

Craig City School District



January 24, 2025

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am writing to you to hope you will up the base student allocation so this school can run properly and more professional. So ill will state some problems that can be solved with the more money for base student allocation.

We could pay teachers more and rebuild the retirement system. I believe in some cases that if we have the retirement system back we could have such a better possibility with a lot more of having teachers available for students for there education and activities.

Now secondly that I should think that will help is replacing some things in the building. like the gym roof and the language arts room, which has mold somewhere and our teacher that is allergic to mold concerns me for his health. That is what I hope can be fix in the possible future. I heard that we also have some things under the gym floor like mercury, which the floors that we could not get rid of because of money problem. I also hope it will be fix but that can wait for the future students.

The third and probably least important to you will be sports travel and sports itself. It is quite useless for us the city that is farthest away from events find it dumb for some people to play a single match in a day when there was 6 hours of sport worth gone that cost us a lot of money. I hope any of these reasons can help make the base student allocation to raise the money per student. Thank you for reading or listening to this letter and I hope this can help this school and more important schools.

Sincerely Jaxon Deniger

Allen Trimmer

Craig, AK 99921



January 28, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot

P.O. Box 844

Sitka, Ak 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am writing this to encourage you to raise the BSA. Raising it would give the students and teachers better class materials. For sports we have to fun raise a lot to travel places and that affects the community money. We could also travel to further and more places. A bunch of our books are ripped and worn down. So it would be nice to have new books to read.

Raising it would also give the teachers a better retirement. We have to share some teachers between the high school and middle school. Better pay will attract more teachers for working for our schools.

The BSA money can also help fix our building. There is mold everywhere and one of our teachers are allergic to it. There is a bunch of holes in the walls that has leaks in them. In the bathrooms the tiles leak water when you step on them. And the gym can use a update because the roof tiles inside the gym are very fragile and could fall on someone.

Thank you for trying for our schools.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Trimmer

Mable Nelson

Craig City School District



January 23, 2025

Rebecca Himschoot

P.O. Box 844
Sitka, Ak 99835

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am here to discuss our funding issue in schools across Alaska. Increasing the BSA would help our school in so many ways.

Our school building is a liability/health hazard. We have holes leaking nasty brown liquid in the hallways and we are forced to put trash cans to collect the nasty brown liquid. High school has an exhaust issue which has caused evacuations from the school during the day. I know throughout all of our schools we struggle with ventilation in all classrooms.

Raising the BSA would provide more opportunities for the students because with such few staff teachers are just forced to absorb positions because we can't afford new teachers. Without funding we are unable to have hands on learning experiences like science labs. Also since we have such little money we are unable to have lots of food options, this is not good for people with food precautions.

Our teachers are required to do so much for such little pay, our staff has shrunk so much we share many teachers k-12 and middle school doesn't have PE! With the staff shrinkage, teachers just absorb other teachers spots. Teachers have taken out of their own pocket to help us and give us more opportunities. The teachers pay for how many hours they put in and how hard they work is not ok. Thank you for reading my letter and trying to help us, we are rooting for you!

With Love,

Mable Nelson

Makhi Williams

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot

P.O. Box 844

Sitka, AK 99835

Dear Rebecca Himschoot

I am writing to encourage you to support increasing the BSA,

The Craig school is in need of some money because the school needs repairs. The floor boards have dips in them, the walls creak when it's windy. There are holes in the roof that leak when it rains. The gym needs some repairs. The bathrooms need repairs.

The money would help students and teachers. Students that have to travel for sports have to pay out of pocket and do fundraisers. Students can use that money to buy new books, new text books. New sports equipment. The teachers can get better pay, and more pay for teachers means we can keep teachers and attract more teachers from all around the country.

Sincerely yours,

Makhi Williams

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Alex.Trimmer

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative, Rebeca Himschoot

P.O box 844

Sitka.Ak 99835

Dear Representative, Himschoot

Raising the BSA would really benefit our school in so many great ways. Its important for our education that we get enough money for necessities to help our students. With money from the BSA, it could greatly effect how students learn throughout the day.

With money we could have better supplies and updated equipment. We could buy more books for students to read and learn newer pieces of reading to keep students excited to read. There would be enough equipment for science labs and learn about science instead of just reading textbooks, keeping science fun for everyone.

With more money we could increase the pay for teachers and bring in more teachers so there isn't so much stress on the teachers. With more teachers it could better the student education with more electives to choose from. The high school had to drop an hour due to lack of teachers in the school.

Money could give students more learning opportunities. We could buy newer textbooks for updated education and better the learning for students. With new books it would keep students interested in reading more often and having fun reading more books. Thank you for efforts you have put in, and thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

Alex Trimmer

Jack Conatser

Craig City School District



January 27, 2025

Representative Rebecca Himschoot
P.O. Box 844
Sitka, AK 99835

Dear, Rebecca Himschoot

I am writing to encourage you to support increasing the Base Student Allocation. Raising the B.S.A would directly benefit students. There would be better school materials in classrooms, which would mean more learning opportunities and elective possibilities. It would also mean that we would have more events, field trips, and hands-on activities.

Raising the B.S.A would also benefit teachers. It would keep them much more happy because they would get paid more and have better retirements. We would also have more and more teachers coming to the state which would mean smaller class sizes and more opportunities.

Raising the B.S.A would also help with the entire school's maintenance problems. The lights flicker constantly, the gym has mercury under the floor, and there are holes in the ceilings and walls.

Thank you for your efforts to increase the B.S.A

Sincerely yours,

Jack Conatser

Grace Maygren

Craig City School District



Representative Himschoot

P.O. Box 844

Sika, AK 99835

Jan. 26, 2025

Dear Representative Himschoot,

I am reaching out to inform you that the Base Student Allocation is in need of increasing. Raising the BSA would be very beneficial for all AK schools for many reasons.

Our building/facility is in need of repair. The school is falling apart. It is not up to code and is a major health hazard. The ceiling by the lockers has big holes that leak water when it rains. Water dripping out of the ceiling could have toxic chemicals in it that if got in someones eye or mouth could cause them to get sick or get an eye infection. Also our gym ceiling is always falling down with volleyballs hitting it and it can fall on students. Also some of the classrooms are packed with mold and those rooms are hard on the students with allergies. Under our gym floors there is toxic mercury material that if it was exposed would cause a big problem and we don't have the money to replace it.

CCSD can not pay teachers enough or even at also the school keeps on having to cut teachers. That has caused classes to be combined such as health and science, and a science teacher can't teach health on an educational level. Middle schoolers also don't get to do any science labs cause we don't have money to buy them, and our textbooks are really old material and need to be replaced. The elementary, middle, and high school have to share our music, P.E./health, and S.E.A.L.S teachers. With having to share those teachers our P.E. activity time is restricted.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Maygren

Cameron Stewart

Craig City School District



January 24, 2025

Rebecca Himshoot

Dear Representative Himshoot,

I am writing to you today to encourage you to support increases the Base Student allocation.

To be honest the school could use some repairs raising the BSA would allow for this. With the raise of the BSA first of all the the classrooms could use an upgrade because there's black mold in every classroom. Also the plumbing and our gym could use an update, and we could finally get rid of the mercury under the floor boards on our gym floor.

Our Schools need the BSA raised for the teachers also. We need to offer teachers a better retirement. A good retirement would attract more teachers and make the jobs more competitive. This would also help us get good qualified teachers.

Also we could actually keep teachers with accurate pay, & better education with more teachers it is more opportunity for us.

With the school BSA raised it would bump up our school funding up and would open a lot of possibilities like more teachers. More classes which means more learning.

Sincerely yours,

Cameron Stewart