

Friday January 28, 2011
To: Senate Education Committee
Re: Senate Bill 3

Good Morning Senators:

I am writing today in support of Senate Bill 3 "Funding for School Meals."

As president of the Kenai Peninsula Education Association representing over 650 teachers of the Kenai Peninsula School District, I, and all teachers, know that children who lack basic nutrition do not perform well in school.

This bill would help provide a basic level of funding to our food services programs so that they may continue to do the excellent job they already perform of feeding our students.

Given the fact that 40% of Alaska families qualify for free or reduced priced USDA School meals, there is clearly a need for this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 3.

Sincerely,
LaDawn Druce
KPEA President