From: <u>Tanya Roust</u>

To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Restore Full Education Funding!
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To the Members of the Alaska Legislative Senate,

I am an Alaskan Kindergarten and first grade teacher who is deeply concerned with the slashing of education funding during this legislative session. While I understand that our state is facing a budget crisis, I feel the last place any cuts should be made is to the already over-burdened education system. My students deserve reasonable class sizes (which are already over PTR in many, many cases), a teacher who is trained in up-to-date education practices and theories, and to know that funding promises made in previous years aren't going to be broken. Please help me teach my students the meaning of the phrase "stand by your word" by restoring full education funding. Please help me show them they are worth more than a line item on a budget. Our children deserve your investment.

-- Tanya Roust