

From: [Stephanie Harold](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Invest in students -- restore education funding!
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I am writing to urge you to properly fund education. The school where I teach (Hoonah High School) is facing serious cutbacks including elimination of very core programs. These could include a performance music program that has been strong for over 40 years (we are one of the very few small schools to offer this) and even upper level college prep classes. Students do not tend to succeed at more advanced coursework without on-site teachers; cutting positions simply means that fewer students will successfully attend college. Failure to fund a strong schools guarantees economic disparity among the next generation of Alaskans. Investing in our youth is the only way to ensure long-term growth in Alaska for Alaskans. Please provide the 3-years of funding promised last year while you work on a long-term plan for funding education.

Sincerely,
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