From: <u>Denise Poole</u>

To: <u>Senate Finance Committee</u>

Subject: Education funding

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Dear Legislators,

For years when the price of oil was high, investment in education lagged. Parents, community members, all Alaskans made their voices heard last year that funding for education needs to be restored and forward funded. Our kids are Alaska's most valuable resource for the future even more so than oil or other natural resources. Please restore the cuts to education...and remember that next year is an election year.

I would also agree that you can't cut your way out of the budget crisis, access the dividend fund, the budget reserve or generate new revenue but leave education alone please.

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