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Please rethink your deep cuts to education. Our public schools are the most important resource we have. Teachers and students deserve better.

If we don't put our money into the public education system in order to educate the children we are all responsible for we will be paying for more jails, more social services, and more of our adult Alaskans will be beat out for jobs by better-prepared young adults from outside the state.

The last two years educators across the state have taken on the huge task of increasing the expectations, developing and meeting our new standards, assisting with the development of the new assessment, designing more effective educator evaluation and school accountability systems, and updating their instructional materials. Don't undermine these efforts by slashing budgets at a time when public schools need them to hold steady.

thank you,  
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