



February 7, 2018

The Honorable Justin Parish
Vice Chair, House Education Committee
Alaska State House
State Capitol Room 24
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Parish:

Please accept this letter in support of House Bill 213, an act relating to the investment, appropriation, and administration of the public school trust fund.

Coalition for Education Equity represents Alaska school districts, organizations, and individuals concerned about the quality and breadth of educational opportunities available to Alaska's children. We advocate for equity and adequacy in education across Alaska and use research, policy development, and partnerships to advance solutions to performance issues in our schools.

We believe that a thriving state requires a successful education system. This means that we need a stable, sustainable, and predictable budget supported by diversified revenues. Among our chief priorities is ensuring consistent, reliable, and adequate investment in Alaska's public education system and public schools.

We support the intent of House Bill 213 to make better usage of the Public School Trust Fund to generate additional and more stable funding for education in Alaska.

Best wishes,

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