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Alaska Council of School Administrators

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The Honorable Andi Story  
Co-Chair, House Education Committee  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Capital  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Co-Chair Story, Co-Chair Drummond and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for sponsoring and scheduling HB 273 – INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOC. INFLATION, which as you might imagine we strongly support.

Every year ACSA members work together to develop our [Joint Position Statements](#). These statements clearly identify our highest priorities for education policy positions. While student achievement is our number one priority, adequate funding remains our most critical need.

Our Joint Position Statements state:

- The State of Alaska must provide timely, reliable, and predictable revenue for schools, funding the actual cost of education in all districts and providing full and equitable funding for all initiatives, laws, and mandates that require additional resources. Policy makers must recognize the diminishing value of flat funding in relation to inflation. Early notification of funding and forward funding are crucial to sound financial management, as well as recruitment and retention of quality educators.
- Implementation of a long-term, multi-revenue fiscal plan remains imperative to maximize the ability of districts to meet student needs. Diversified revenue streams are critical in the current fiscal climate to address any deficit and ensure the ability to fund service increases associated with economic development, inflation, and deferred maintenance capital requirements.
- A nationally competitive compensation and benefits package, combined with a robust state retirement system is imperative for attracting and retaining effective educators and leaders.



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- Providing health insurance to our employees is essential for retaining and recruiting high-quality staff who can maximize student achievement. Controlling the cost of health care for our essential workers is critical. We encourage solutions to the long-term escalating costs of healthcare and health insurance in the state.

HB 273 cuts right to the heart of the matter. By inflation proofing the Base Student Allocation, as proposed by HB 273, and increasing the BSA through HB272 the legislature would directly address every one of the key issues identified above by education leaders across Alaska.

Thank you for your continued efforts in support of public education. Please contact us directly if there are any efforts needed to support these bills as they move through the legislative process.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan Wilson'.

Brendan Wilson  
ACSA President

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Dr. Lisa S. Parady  
ACSA Executive Director

cc: Members of House Education Committee  
Members of Senate Education Committee