



Denali Borough School District

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Testimony supporting SB 52 - Increasing the Base Student Allocation by \$1000, submitted by Dan Polta, Superintendent, Denali Borough School District.

My Name is Dan Polta. I am the superintendent of the Denali Borough School District.

Members of that Senate Finance Committee, thank you for your service to the children of our State and your consideration increasing the Base Student Allocation

I'm speaking to you in support of SB52 and urge you to advance it with all due haste.

In short, our students need and deserve this support.

The many years of stagnant funding and under investment in our children's education in Alaska negatively impacted on our ability to fully support our students. We can no longer offer attractive salaries and wages to attract teachers to nurture our students' love of learning, to recruit teaching assistants to help inspire our students to show up every morning and do the hard work of learning, to retain custodians to ensure a clean classroom for our students to learn in every day, and to provide maintenance staff to repair our students' aging schools.

Our children need the support in SB 52 to ensure that their education prepares them for a successful future in our changing world.

Mission Statement

Working together to nurture, empower, and inspire today's student to positively shape tomorrow's world

Every child in Alaska deserves an excellent education, every day.

Passing SB 52 will be a powerful step toward realizing this aspiration.

Thank you

Dan Polta
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