
From: Francis McLaughlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:13 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52. Over the last 8 weeks, both the House and Senate have heard from hundreds of Alaskans that our schools are unable to deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

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Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our kids that they matter.

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From: William Tompkins <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:22 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: We need to Support SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52. It should be obvious to everyone that every single one of the hot button issues voters are currently concerned with can be mitigated through adequately funding public schools. Worried about crime rates? Fund the schools. Worried about economic forecast for the state? Fund the schools. Concerned about the slow but steady out-migration of the Alaskan population? Fund the schools and make Alaska a place where people want to be.

Now, simply funding the schools is not the answer alone. There needs to be meaningful direction of those funds to create an environment that is safe, inclusive of all, encourages growth, encourages questions, and has resources for students to explore the world in ways that are enriching for them. I do not believe that funding should be tied to metrics or achievement scores or anything like that. Sure, metrics are useful in collecting data and achievement scores may be useful as a way to relate Alaskan students to their peers elsewhere, but the argument that funding should be reliant on meeting benchmarks and statistical benchmarks is counter productive and will only serve to pollute the academic environment. Please please please find the schools to the level that they do desperately need. Stand up for our students. If we do not act soon, our state will continue on the slow spiral to complete inadequacy.

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From: Jennie Stephens <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:03 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
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April 12, 2023

Dear Chairs Hoffman, Olson, and Stedman and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity for public comment on Senate Bill 52, Increase Base Student Allocation.

My name is Desmona Stevick. I am President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, Glacier Valley Camp 70, and I speak on behalf of Camp 70 in support of SB 52.

Alaska's public education system has been severely eroding in recent years. Although the real costs of education have risen by 24.6% since 2011, the Base Student Allocation (BSA) has risen by less than 5%. We are starving the system and increasingly falling behind other states in our financial support for our public schools. This is reflected in lagging academic performance, high rates of teacher turnover, unfilled positions, and educators leaving the profession or being forced to leave Alaska for other states with more competitive compensation and working conditions. Yesterday KTOO reported that 35 educators in Juneau have submitted their paperwork to leave the district at the end of this school year.

The Alaska Native Sisterhood has always staunchly supported education. There is very little that is of greater importance to the future of Alaska and the future of our children and grandchildren than our public education system. Without adequate investment in educating our children, they will not be prepared to become the work force and leaders that Alaska needs to ensure a positive future.

The majority of Alaskans want the same thing – thriving communities with good jobs and strong public schools where all students have the resources and opportunities to grow into their full potential.

ANS Glacier Valley Camp 70 supports SB 52 and an increase of \$1000 in the BSA in fiscal year 2024, with prescribed increases in future years to meet inflation and increased costs. Sustained investment in our public education system is the foundation for a prosperous future for Alaska and for our children.

We strongly urge your support for this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Desmona Stevick, President
Alaska Native Sisterhood, Glacier Valley/Camp 70

From: Donna Malain <dmalain@nwarctic.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 4:54 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: We need the increase! I'm writing in Support of SB 52

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Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52. Over the last 8 weeks, both the House and Senate have heard from hundreds of Alaskans that our schools are unable to deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA). Students in my school have gone without clean, safe drinking water for months. They do without basic necessities everyday. Don't let their safe place, school, become another place that fails them. School is their safe place. The place they know they can receive warmth, two meals, supplies for learning, and an education. Don't let a lack of funding inhibit that any longer!

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From: Mary Hilcoske <frieds4@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 4:47 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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The state has a duty to provide and maintain public education for the benefit of all students. When the state does not prioritize public education funding, we send a message to our kids that their future is of little importance. The state does NOT have a duty to pay out a PFD, which shows the proper priority - education over PFDs.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our kids that they matter.

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From: Marietta Plummer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 4:52 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Dennis O'Connell <doconnell@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 4:57 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Dennis Knebel <dknebel@ibew1547.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 4:59 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: George Felder <felderge@muni.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Steve Krall <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:29 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Kathleen Raymond <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:46 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Dayle Sherba <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:49 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Wendy Alward <markus@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:55 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Ellen Jaimes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:27 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: Please Support SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

As the mother of 2 young children, I am writing today in support of SB 52. Quality education for my children is a non-negotiable. Without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) I and my family would consider leaving the state.

Alaska has a duty to provide and maintain public education for the benefit of all students. When the state does not prioritize public education funding, we send a message to our kids that their future is of little importance.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our kids that they matter.

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From: Russell Kirkham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:27 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
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The state has a duty to provide and maintain public education for the benefit of all students. When the state does not prioritize public education funding, we send a message to our kids that their future is of little importance. Lack of support for public education also impacts the ability to attract and retain a needed skilled workforce willing to move their families to our great state.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our kids that they matter.

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From: Joshua Yeh <jtyeh@pm.me>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:41 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Franklin Gwartney <frankg@alaska.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:51 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Deirdre Downey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 5:51 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Mindy Hunter <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:17 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Julie Zundel <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:22 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
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From: Bev Gagaring <bevg@afscmelocal52.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:05 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: Lead by example- Please support SB 52!

Senator Donny Olson,

I would like to ask that you be in support of SB 52.

You have heard from hundreds of Alaskans that our schools are unable to deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

I've been told that a budget that values economic growth, would prioritize education, because education supports workforce development and entrepreneurship, it encourages innovation and productivity, and benefits the public and private sector; importantly education empowers our children- and as a parent of two, I would like to believe this to be true- for the sake of not only my children but for all the children. Please support SB 52 and lead by example, let's show our children that they do matter and their future matters!

I am afraid, that If we do not prioritize public education funding, the message we are sending our kids, is that their future is of little value to us; that we could care less if they are not equipped to hold down a decent job in the future and that they have no choice but to rely on government welfare, because we did not fully consider their future, in the decisions we are making today!

As a state and a community, I believe that it is all of our responsibility to lead by example, in providing and maintaining public education for the benefit of all students and secure the future for the next generation. And in turn, they can do the same, in securing the next generation of children that comes.

WE, need to be better and do better, we must progress forward and not fall backwards!

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and not disappoint our children!

Thank you!

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From: Tim Hinterberger <tjhinterberger@uaa.alaska.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 6:58 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52 - Alaska's schools are the pipeline to the University

Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52 to increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

As an instructor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, I know firsthand that many of the students coming to UAA from Alaska schools are not as prepared for college as they should be. This slows down their progress through their UAA degree programs, and causes some to quit college altogether.

At UAA we're working hard to improve our student success statistics, but this simply isn't possible with so many incoming underprepared freshmen. Increasing the BSA will advance young Alaskans' overall educational attainment, from K-12 to the University. It's really a linked system, and it leads to workers being ready to enter the workforce.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee because of its direct, positive impact on building the State's economy.

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From: Danielle Logan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:16 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Tom Snyder <tom3@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:19 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Jacob Bera <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: Letter in Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52, which would provide a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

As an Alaskan family of 2 teachers with 3 children in public schools, we have experienced firsthand the negative impacts of inadequate education funding. We've seen colleagues let go, programs cut, and opportunities for our children go away. Oftentimes, the very things our children are most excited about (elective classes like art) are the first to go. On another important note, budget cuts have led to a lack of counselors and support staff in our schools who are on the front lines keeping our kids safe and helping them navigate life's challenges.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our kids and our community that public schools matter.

Very Respectfully,

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From: Dane Sutterfield <PRESIDENT@ACE4425.ORG>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:12 AM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

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From: Ruth Knight <rknight@cvinternet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 10:50 AM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

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From: Sara Irwin Goudreau <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 12:48 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: I Support Passage of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our kids and families that the future of Alaska lies with our youth.

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From: Maureen Knutsen <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

As a 31-year (retired) employee of my local PS-12 public school, I am writing today to express my strong support of SB 52. Over the last 8 weeks, both the House and Senate have heard from hundreds of Alaskans that our schools are unable to deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

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From: Anna Bosin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:19 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: raise the BSA to save our economy!!

Senator Donny Olson,

Alaska government is failing to provide a quality education and without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA), the economy may never recover from COVID. Out migration will continue, jobs will stay vacant, shops will remain empty, restaurants will keep closing. But you have the opportunity to stop the bleeding!

The state has the OBLIGATION to provide and maintain public education for the benefit of all students- and equitably.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and help employers attract outside families to move to Alaska! More importantly, help Alaskan families stay here! Good schools = strong communities!

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From: Paige Harper <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 9:38 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: SB 52 is vital to the well being of our children and our state.

Senator Donny Olson,

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From:
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Subject:

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Sen. Donny Olson
In Support of SB 52

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From: Luann McVey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:17 PM
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From: William Arnold <wobbly@posteo.net>
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From: Karen Williams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Andrew Maiorano <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Mike Vaughn <miketv@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7:28 AM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

Please support a meaningful SB increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

Our 4th and 5th graders lost their dedicated science teacher this year. Shameful! Please look to the future in educating our kids.

Please back SB 52!

Thank you

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From: Laura Bonner <ljbbonner@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

I am writing today in support of SB 52. Our schools are unable to deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA). Funding is needed to restore career counselors, teacher aides, arts and music, and sport programs to keep students in school and prepare for their futures. Career counselors can help guide them to college or trade schools. We will need them in the workforce as nurses, electricians, engineers, IT experts, teachers and many other occupations.

The state has a duty to provide and maintain public education for the benefit of all students because they are our future workforce.

Please vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and deliver the message to our students that they matter.

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From: Donna Goldsmith <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

I am urging you to support of SB 52. You have already heard from hundreds of Alaskans that our schools cannot deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

Strong public schools are essential to the future of Alaska's working families. But our schools simply cannot offer our children a good education without adequate funding.

It is tragic that so many of Alaska's schools do not have sufficient funds to operate. This is not where we should be heading. Young families are moving out of state because Alaska is not providing schools with sufficient funding to guarantee their children a quality education.

We all want - and need - a strong economy that will carry us into the future. But if our young families can't stay here because the schools are dying, we will not be able to build or maintain a strong economy - because we will not have a strong community.

I hope that this legislative body will not allow schools to wither on the vine. You have a constitutional duty to provide and maintain public education for the benefit of all students.

Please show our children that you believe in them and their future.

Vote to pass SB 52 out of the Finance Committee and show our kids that they matter to you.

Donna Goldsmith

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From: Bill Brewington <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: John Jensen <norwejohn@gci.net>
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I have grandkids in public schools. I graduated from an Alaskan high school in 1958 when the vast majority of Alaskans supported public education.

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From: Meghan Talsky <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 10:05 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
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From: Gina Wall <ginawall@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:47 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: In Support of SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

Dear All,

Please support SB 52!

As a 14 year high school counselor, it's growing more and more impossible to support all the academic needs and wants of our students with flatlined BSA. The negative impact of growing classes sizes and elimination of classes is disheartening. One of my jobs as a high school counselor is to align student class schedules that will meet their high school graduation requirements as well as give them the opportunity to explore areas of interest - both of these task are near the point of impossibility. As the BSA has flatlined my job has grown more and more difficult. Can you imagine scheduling 35+ 9th grade students into an Algebra 1 course - it is ridiculous! A permanent increase in the BSA will allow students the opportunity to learn in manageable class sizes, explore areas of interested, and ultimately find success in the larger world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gina Wall

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From: Jennifer Helge <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: btyndall <btyndall@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:05 PM
Subject: SB 52 BSA

Dear Senator:

I am writing in opposition to SB 52, a bill to increase the Base Student Allocation for the Education budget. I am not opposed to educating our children. But I am opposed to throwing money at problems without planning solutions to address them. Our students outcomes are some of the lowest in the nation and yet our funding for education is some of the highest.

Please do not increase funding for this failing system. There are programs in other states with good outcomes. Let's replicate them!

Thank you.

Barbara Tyndall
North Pole

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

From: Brittanfy Mackey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:40 PM
To: Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: Please Support SB 52

Senator Donny Olson,

My name is Brittany Mackey and I am writing today in support of SB 52. Over the last 8 weeks, both the House and Senate have heard from hundreds of Alaskans that our schools are unable to deliver a quality education without a significant increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

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From: Juliet Eames <eamesjuliet@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:27 PM
To: senate.finance@akleg.gov
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson
Subject: SB52 -My testimony

Can help me get this to where it can still be heard? Life is far too busy and keeping up with deadlines in the legislature is difficult.

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Juliet Eames. My husband and I moved to Fairbanks 10 years ago. We have six children that have attended Barnette Magnet School (K-8 lottery school) and Lathrop High School. My husband is a physician at FMH and I devote my time to our home and family. My kids' ages range from 7-18. We have both been very involved in the community, and especially, within the schools themselves. I am currently serving as PTA President for the second year, for our K-8, nearly a full time job.

By having a large family, kids in all the various age groups, and varied involvement, I feel like I have a pretty good handle on how the lack of budget is affecting our schools and children.

My husband and I value education very highly and put a lot of energy into trying to give our kids the best opportunities for their growth and development. The quality of education in an area is one of the top two deciding factors in where we live.

Fairbanks can be a very difficult place. It's a land of extremes. It gives a lot, but demands its fair share. Those first few years were very difficult, for me, especially. On the hardest days, the thing that got me through, was the phenomenal education opportunities at Barnette Magnet School. It was worth the cost to hear the kids, enthusiastic about their learning, and all the different things they were both experiencing and being exposed to.

As they grew and entered high school, I found that Lathrop had many unique offerings as well. There were several languages to choose from, a variety of STEM experiences with nationally recognized teachers. They had an excellent choir and drama program, and a good variety of AP offerings with quality teachers.

There were also classes such as building trades, ground school pilot courses (at West Valley) and small engines (Hutchison) that they were able to take advantage of. These are the kinds of programs that breathe life, energy, and interest into their education, and develop them as people. They also offer more diversity, as they appeal to kids with all abilities.

In the last two years, especially, we've seen quite a few hits. First it was a half position here or there. Then a full position and some reshuffling or class size increases. Then, entire classes. Last year, entire schools.

Offerings are becoming pretty fundamental now. Language in K-8 is gone. There is only one language left at Lathrop, despite the fact that many colleges require 2 years of foreign language for admittance. That nationally recognized teacher I mentioned, was pulled last year from some of his exceptional STEM offerings, to teach basic math classes. He currently teaches 3 STEM classes, concurrently, in the same classroom, multiple periods of the day, just to make them available with the cuts.

From: Chilton Bowman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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