

SB 132: Employment Tax for Education Facilities



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*Leadership, Unity and Advocacy
for Public Education*



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ACSA Joint Position Statements

- Unified, collective legislative priorities for supporting Alaska schools
- Developed collaboratively, revised and approved by:
 - **Alaska Superintendents Association**
 - **K-12 Principals**
 - **Alaska School Business Officials**
 - **ACSA Board**



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ACSA Joint Position Statements - Priority Funding for Public Education

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, while preserving the Permanent Fund Dividend for future generations.



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- ▶ Priority funding for education
- ▶ COVID-19 adjusted funding
- ▶ Social, emotional, and mental health
- ▶ School safety
- ▶ Preparing, attracting, and retaining qualified educators
- ▶ Career and technical education
- ▶ Health care costs
- ▶ Early childhood education
- ▶ Increasing bandwidth in underserved areas



ACSA Joint Position Statements - Major Maintenance

ACSA supports funding through the Department of Education and Early Development's (DEED) school construction process for capital projects and major maintenance to existing school district facilities in order to provide students a safe and healthy learning environment.



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Alaska Schools - *by the numbers*

131,212
students



54
school districts
In business terms,
largest employer in
most communities



452
school facilities
55% are >40 years old

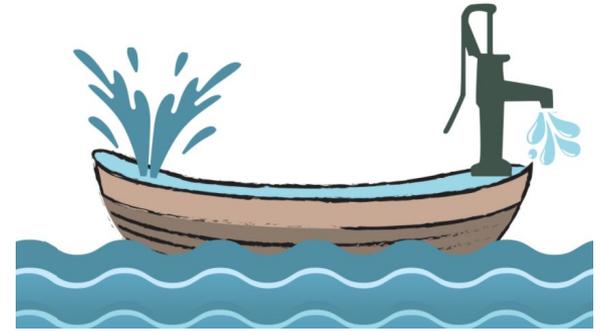
* 2022 DEED data

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Ongoing Challenges: Deferred maintenance

Growing maintenance needs, limited state funding

- Average building age: 42 years
- 66 buildings are over 60 years old



Current backlog:
\$280 million and growing

Thank you! Questions?

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