
From: Jeff Meyers [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Rep. Sarah Vance; House Finance Legislation
Subject: Education Funding Testimony

To Representative Vance and the House Finance Committee,

As a home owning, working family in Homer with kids in the public school system, I am writing for you to pass SB52: Increase Base Student Allocation Bill.

Working families that pay taxes and vote need and love these schools to be funded in order to create community and an educated citizenry.

In these final days, please do all you can to fund public schools and correspondence schools according to the Constitution as it is written.

Thank you for your time,

The Meyers Family

From: Alaska Charter Advocacy <alaskacharteradvocacy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:16 PM
To: House Finance; sharonehansen@gmail.com
Subject: Charter School Advocacy for SB52 and HB392
Attachments: Charter School Advocacy by APCs.pdf

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

Charter schools have been in the spotlight during this legislative session and to my knowledge, charter school Academic Policy Committees (APCs) have not been actively involved in a conversation of what the schools they govern actually need.

I am a member of the APC at Boreal Sun Charter School. Recently, I participated in a *parent press conference in Fairbanks and was asked to represent the voice of charter school families. This event led me to see that charter school APCs need to take an active role in the advocacy process. I reached out to local resources and developed the attached letter which I then sent on to the principals/head teachers of several charter schools.

The main points are:

- 1) increase the BSA (charters are in need as much as neighborhood schools)
- 2) close the one time funding loophole (charter students should receive the same amount of funding as neighborhood school students both inside and outside the BSA)
- 3) a liaison position within DEED specifically for charters is necessary
- 4) maintain charter school approval with local school board rather than State Board of Ed

To date, we have Chinook Charter School (the oldest charter school in Alaska), Boreal Sun Charter School, Watershed Charter School, Soldotna Montessori Charter School, and Fireweed Academy as signatories. The below Google Doc will be continually updated as I receive notification from Academic Policy Committees that have voted to sign onto this letter. This is an ongoing process. The attached pdf is a static snapshot of the document as it stands today.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/139OZjMMdhRw1cFJZZb9KPtIMns14zJGMXLt3qDAxXTI/edit?usp=sharing>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hansen

*News coverage from the Fairbanks Parent Press Conference

4/22/24 Alaska News Nightly (starts at 8:13)

<https://alaskapublic.org/2024/04/22/alaska-news-nightly-monday-april-22-2024/>

KTVF

4/16/24 Full video of entire press conference

https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/video/2024/04/16/parents-press-conference-full-video/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMQABHRNWjBm1JBWmE8zJepCT7Pt4BJLCxh3jAu_sjHgzIzaA6mUPpr-qat1eNg_aem_AfUuMOO4G-JW_1m2VkkUJyK0bqrfD9segexWswL0IWDxUWjB4ycrrMmyXRrs-7jeKG_A#lvc0ehkesla1vrp559

4/12/24 Evening News KTVF

https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2024/04/13/fairbanks-parents-address-governors-agenda-state-education/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMQABHSQLmHJgsbFU5wO7keJ8i_eso5Px6T8VeoNKESJpfYAUBttfNrFXRat48Q_aem_AfVKowGboE0Fi8N8c8wflLuZomu9TLI3LzveO9DyG0nvFqeUbTkAhFYZJsfSg19T_eLY#lvc0gdt1irsb1xo4a3k

4/11/24 Fairbanks Daily Newsminer article

https://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/fairbanks-parents-hold-press-conference-over-education-funding/article_8071748a-f7a4-11ee-92ba-374985c89333.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMQABHRfxpp4M_6RPTfMAS5QRQ-enC6hU2WelbbGuWLIllKZkENnxXux9p1U_pg_aem_AfWnokk_a7ha1GW0I-usZQqAQKUhGUSdviqDBrOtFFFXdQqUIQZ7mlmWb0c-cyOC39Q

4/11/24 KUAC Radio (starts at 3:11)

https://fm.kuac.org/kuac%20newscasts/2024-04-11/04-11-24-kuac-morning-news?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0BMQABHQLgLt767iguyRkwJoqzj4zv6PpFWWWLgX9inIVLhtYgP885DSxD1VJk9Q_aem_AfUdPV6wSjxsAbiznWZu_74UyM-divHTO1gS-GgFapL5cmZhRw8VnYx1EGhmRkMHUG0