

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

January 24, 2001  
8:00 a.m.

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

MEETING TO DISCUSS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT'S  
REPORT ON FOUNDATION FORMULA

**TAPES**

01-2, SIDES A & B  
01-3, SIDE A

**CALL TO ORDER**

REPRESENTATIVE CON BUNDE, Chair, convened the House Special  
Committee on Education at 8:00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Committee members present were Representatives Bunde, Porter, Green  
Wilson, Stevens, Joule and Guess. Other legislators present were  
Representatives McGuire, Kapsner, Dyson, Fate, Senators Olson and  
Davis.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

SENATOR GARY WILKEN gave a presentation using overhead  
transparencies of Senate Bill 36, A proposal to bring Simplicity &  
Fairness to the way Alaska funds its public schools, A Review of  
the History of Senate Bill 36. He included a historical review, a  
school funding analysis, growth in categorical funding  
requirements, required local contribution, education funding  
reform, a summary of state aid increases under SB 36 and the effect  
of the SB 36 60/40 transition clause of the foundation formula. He  
also answered questions asked by the legislators present.

EDDY JEANS, Manager, School Finance and Facilities Section,  
Education Support Services, Department of Education and Early  
Development, presented Alaska's Public School Funding Formula: A  
Report to the Alaska State Legislature. He reviewed the following  
sections of the report: Executive Summary, Tab 1 - District Cost  
Factors and Tab 2 - Comparison of Old to New Funding Formula and  
Tab 3 - Educational Adequacy. He also answered questions asked by

the legislators present.

PETER CRANE, McDowell Group, answered questions regarding the District Cost Factors which was studied in the McDowell group report 1998 Alaska School Operating Cost Study.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIR BUNDE adjourned the House Special Committee on Education meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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