

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

March 6, 2003

11:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Carl Gatto, Chair
Representative Paul Seaton, Vice Chair
Representative Peggy Wilson
Representative Kelly Wolf
Representative John Coghill
Representative Les Gara
Representative Mary Kapsner

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Education Funding

TAPES

03-07 SIDE (A & B)

03-08 SIDE (A)

CHAIR CARL GATTO convened the meeting of the House Special Committee on Education at 11:05 a.m. Present at the call to order were Representatives Gatto, Seaton, Wilson, Wolf, Gara, and Kapsner. Representative Coghill arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

EDDY JEANS, Manager, School Finance and Facilities Section, Education Support Services, Department of Education and Early Development, responded to a variety of questions by the members on the foundation funding formula, LOGS (Learning Opportunity Grant), pupil transportation costs, and the problems associated with budget cuts.

JOHN ALCANTRA, Political Organizer/Government Relations, NEA-Alaska, responded to questions from the members with respect to the impact budget cuts will have on education, pupil transportation contract agreements, and the budget reductions

that will be necessary for school districts to honor these contracts. He expressed the hope that federal funding for education would be increased with the implementation of the NCLB Act (No Child Left Behind).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

COMMITTEE ACTION

No committee action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Education was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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