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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 15, of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

HB 174

“An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing.”

HB 174 would transform the REAA Fund—created originally for rural school construction and later expanded to include major maintenance—by adding Mt. Edgecumbe High School projects and, for the first time, teacher-housing maintenance, a cost traditionally paid by local communities. HB 174 diminishes the equity across school districts that is provided by the Fund and commits the State to a local housing obligation, diverting already-scarce dollars away from critical classroom repairs and complicating grant rankings. Additionally, the bill repeals the Fund’s \$70 million cash cap, letting unrestricted general-fund cash accumulate without project deadlines and adding ongoing operating costs to the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure