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ANCHORAGE BOROUGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 14, 1975

The Honorable Bob Bradley  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I urge you to carefully consider all of the ramifications of S.B. 135 which was introduced last week.

If passed, this bill would allow a mediator/arbitrator, to make final decisions on operational policy and financial management. This could bankrupt a school district.

This "arbitrator philosophy", with final and binding powers specified in the bill, completely destroys the democratic process of local control by the elected representatives, the School Board.

I request that you do not support S.B. 135.

Sincerely yours,

*Joe D. Montgomery*  
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Superintendent

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cc: School Board Members



# KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



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February 13, 1975

The Honorable Bob Bradley  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
Pouch V, State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Bradley:

The Board of Education of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District is very much concerned about SB 135 and to express their concern have unanimously passed the following Resolution. They hope that when this Bill comes up for consideration you will be aware of their opposition.

RESOLUTION NO. 152  
A RESOLUTION OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY  
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OPPOSING SB-135

WHEREAS: Pending legislation, to wit, SB-135 introduced to the Ninth Legislature would provide for binding arbitration in the negotiation process with certified employees of school districts, and,

WHEREAS: This proposal would wrest much of the financial control of the school district's finances from the School Board and the Borough Assembly and thrust it into the hands of a disinterested party with possible adverse results, and,


WHEREAS: This proposal would wrest control of working conditions from the School Board, and the teachers' bargaining group and place it in the hands of a third party where decisions could be made capriciously or arbitrarily to the detriment of the teachers, the students or the school district, and,

WHEREAS: The legislation would take the control of hitherto non-negotiable items from the Board and subject them to the same risks enumerated above, and,

WHEREAS: If such control is lost by School Boards, they will be much less effective in their efforts to bring forth the highest quality education at the lowest cost to the public,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education go on record as being opposed to this legislation.

Sincerely,



R. W. Stekl  
Superintendent of Schools

# FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 13, 1975

The Honorable Bob Bradley  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Sir:

We, the administration of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, respectfully request your opposition to Senate Bill 135 (Mediation and Arbitration), Section 14.20.570.

This bill will usurp the authority of local school boards in maintaining local control. We feel this bill is contrary to public wishes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck".

Chuck Smith  
Superintendent

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February 13, 1975

Honorable Mike Bradner, Sneaker  
Alaska House of Representatives  
Pouch V State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Bradner:

Regarding SB 135 mandating binding arbitration in negotiation process between school districts and certified employees. It is vital that this legislation be defeated.

At stake is who will ultimately control public education--the public's elected representatives or the union.

An almost universal lament is the deterioration of public education. Certainly there are many contributing factors to the results that lead to this lament, but one of the most accepted is shortage of qualified dedicated teachers of high principles. This increasing shortage, in a market glutted with certified teachers, parallels the increase in power and influence of teacher unions and the militancy that they purposely and blatantly inspire.

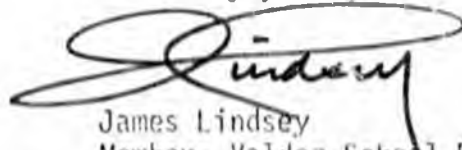
Against this tide stand boards of education and one of the last and best remaining tools of entrenchment they have is that in the event of an absolutely unacceptable decision by an arbitrator the board still rules. In the last analysis we still have local control of public education.

The unions continue to work toward emasculation of the system of public education that over years put this country on top.

We all have our motives. That of (unpaid) school boarders is education of the next generation. The union, as most unions, ultimately seeks money and power. Who will you have run the system?

Please defeat SB 135.

Sincerely yours,



James Lindsey  
Member, Valdez School Board

cc: All members  
Alaska House of Representatives