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Alaska State Legislature
House

JUNEAU, ALASKA

MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

Date June 14, 1983

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House ~~has~~ failed to concur with the Senate amendment^s to
CSHB 251 (HESS)
namely,

SCS CSHB 251(R1s) am S
(State support for educ. exp)
and respectfully requests the Senate to recede from its
amendment^s.

In the event the Senate ~~does not~~ *fails to* recede, the Speaker ~~has~~
appointed the following members to a CONFERENCE COMMITTEE to
meet with a like committee from the Senate *to consider the*
bills:

Representative Tischer, Chairman

Representative Ward

Representative Larson

(16-24-0)

Natalie Altom
Chief Clerk of the House

MEMORANDUM

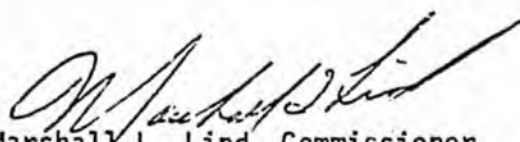
State of Alaska

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TO: Municipal Finance Officers
School District Business Managers

DATE: April 22, 1983

FILE NO:



TELEPHONE NO: 465-2800

FROM: Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner
Department of Education

SUBJECT: Debt Service Reimbursement

It now appears that our FY 84 rate of reimbursement for approved school construction debt service will be approximately 60% of the claims submitted. There is presently 59 million dollars for that purpose in our budget, and recent information substantiates approximately 95 million in eligible claims. There are, however, additional bond issue elections scheduled which may result in even more claims.

It is unfortunate that we just learned this information. However, under the provisions of AS 43.18.100(a)(4), that is, reimbursement in the same year payment is made, we have no way of knowing what claims will be until we are notified by districts or municipalities respecting recent indebtedness.

To overcome that problem, we will be discussing the issue with the State Board of Education at the next regularly scheduled meeting to explore possible solutions.

You will be notified of any changes being contemplated.

cc: All Legislators

State Board of Education

Peter McDowell, Director
Office of Management and Budget
Office of the Governor

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ANALYSIS OF
PROPOSED FINANCE CS
FOR CS HB 251 (HESS)

SYNOPSIS: SECTIONS 1 through 3 of the bill relate to school debt retirement, while sections 4 through 7 relate to the school foundation formula, with section 8 being the immediate effective date.

SCHOOL DEBT RETIREMENT

PURPOSE: To control the amount the state pays each year for the reimbursement of municipal school construction debt payments. Legislation passed last year, which increased the reimbursement rate from 80% to 90% and eliminated the two-year time lag, has dramatically increased the state's bill for school debt retirement. The total payback for FY 83 is approximately \$62 million, and is estimated to be over \$90 million in FY 84. These figures represent 100% of entitlement, although the actual payback is dependent on the amount appropriated yearly by the Legislature.

According to the draft, new debt would be reimbursed at 50% after it is incurred. All eligible projects must be approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Education prior to voter approval with total project costs listed on the bonding ballot. Other requirements are that the bond may not be redeemed before expiration and must be repaid over a period of at least fifteen (15) years, and that the municipality must demonstrate need for the project.

Nothing in this draft would affect debt incurred prior to 1982, and the intent is to provide sufficient funding for debt incurred prior to 1981 without pro rata distribution of available funds.

The draft provides that payments to the municipality for the retirement of principal and interest of outstanding bonds for the current year (on indebtedness incurred after Dec. 31, 1981 and before July 1, 1983), and payments made after July 30, 1982 and before July 1, 1983 by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier for construction, renovation, and additions will be paid by the state up to 90%.

FOUNDATION FORMULA

PURPOSE: The Act provides for the computation of instructional units for FY 84 while eliminating the junior high "loophole" in current statutes. The opening of new school sites and increases in enrollment are the only justification for alteration of the instructional units, as revised, for FY 84. The Act also provides for computation of FY 85 payments in state aid should the Department of Education be unable to report back to the Legislature on the Foundation Study by January of 1984.

SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1: Provides for payments up to 90% for:

(A) current year bond payments on indebtedness incurred after December 31, 1981 and before July 1, 1983 made by the municipality; and

(B) cash payments made after June 30, 1982 and before July 1, 1983 by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier (the two-year lag is due to receipt of audits by the Department).

Section 2: Provides that 50% of debt payments will be reimbursed after they are incurred by the municipality. This discourages bonding of non-essential projects.

Section 3: Provides that the state may not allocate money to a municipality for a school construction project that has not been approved by the Commissioner of Education.

In approving the project, the Commissioner shall require full information on the bonding issue approved by the voters; no call back options; a minimum payback period of 15 years; and demonstration of need.

Section 4: Sets the number of instructional units and supplemental equalization aid for each school district and correspondence study for FY 84 at the FY 83 revised figure.

Section 5: Provides that junior high programs in a school district with a total average ADM of 250 or more may not be used separately to calculate the number of instructional units unless the program is housed in a separate facility and has an average ADM of 50 or more, or has a separate school administration which was in place before the 1983 school year. Includes reference to AS 14.17.031(d) to prevent financial catastrophe in a district.

Section 6: Provides that, should the Commissioner of Education not report back to the Legislature on the foundation formula study by January 9, 1984, the amount of basic state aid paid, beginning in Fiscal Year 1985, shall be adjusted by the Consumer Price Index from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Section 7: Provides that the only increase in instructional units shall be for the opening of new school sites and for increased enrollment. If the amount appropriated for FY 84 is insufficient to meet this need, the available funds will be distributed on a pro rata basis to all school districts.

Section 8: Provides for an immediate effective date.

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: The Honorable Al Adams, Chairman
House Finance Committee

DATE: May 3, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-2865

SUBJECT: FY-84 Debt Retirement
(AS 43.18.100)

FROM: Steve Holle
Education Administrator
Department of Education

Attached please find our best estimates as to the cost of the reimbursement provisions of AS 43.18.100 for FY-84. The only restructured or refinanced indebtedness included in the total is in the Anchorage amount. The result of that refinanced debt is a net savings to the state of approximately \$400.0 per year for the life of the issue.

With respect to the issue raised in the information you provided me dealing with the interest income earned from the proceeds of a bond sale, as I understand it, it is the decision of the local school board or municipality as to whether to use the interest for other projects, or to use it to pay off bonds already sold.

Attachment

HB 251

History of Appropriations for AS 43.18.100

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Eligibility</u>	<u>Actual Payment</u>	<u>Percent of Eligibility</u>
FY-70	2,445,197	1,800,000	74.00%
FY-71	2,448,347	1,800,000	73.52%
FY-72	2,376,209	2,376,209	100.00%
FY-73	3,575,355	3,450,000	96.49%
FY-74	7,074,380	5,752,000	81.31%
FY-75	7,650,530	7,423,300	97.03%
FY-76	9,242,310	8,810,500	95.33%
FY-77	10,107,336	9,051,600	89.55%
FY-78	11,408,304	11,408,304	100.00%
FY-79	27,868,182	22,273,300	79.92%
FY-80	30,823,133	24,081,000	78.13%
FY-81	38,380,134	38,380,134	100.00%
FY-82	38,262,156	38,262,156	100.00%
FY-83 (as of 5-16-83)	62,769,390	49,669,700	79.13

FY-84 AS 43.18.100 Alternatives

FY-84 eligibility	Budget level	Percentage of full eligibility	Additional amount needed to fund at % level
94,747,997	59,887,800 (present)	63.21	-0-
	66,323,598	70%	6,435,797
	75,798,398	80%	15,910,597
	85,273,197	90%	25,385,397
	94,747,997	100%	34,860,197

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	AUDITED FY-82 ELIGIBILITY	ELIGIBILITY ON DEBT ISSUED AFTER 12/31/81	TOTAL FY-84 ELIGIBILITY
Anchorage	\$10,532,909	\$ 8,207,495	\$18,740,404
Bristol Bay Bor.	369,613		369,613
Cordova	99,681		99,681
Fbks N. Star Bor.	4,970,192	6,054,075	11,024,267
Galena	45,998		45,998
Haines Borough	93,688		93,688
C & B Juneau	1,377,557	5,872,993*	7,250,550
Kenai I. Bor.	6,087,170	8,907,716	15,198,197
Ketchikan Gate. B.	980,388		980,388
Kodiak I. Bor	1,683,285	1,512,900	3,196,185
Mat-Su Borough	5,191,266	5,007,420*	10,198,686
Wenana	9,956		9,956
North Slope Bor.	14,203,693	3,952,619	18,156,312
Petersburg	481,373	495,000*	976,373
C & B Sitka	1,019,581		1,019,581
Skagway	21,530		21,530
Unalaska	144,183		144,183
Valdez	3,117,975		3,117,975
Wrangell	111,516		111,516
Yakutat	49,423		49,423
totals	\$50,590,977	\$ 40,213,529	\$90,804,506

Estimates of payments on authorized but as yet unsold issues.

May 27, 1983

To: Joe Josephson
From: Nancy Deitrick
RE: School Bonds - Authorized but unsold

Fairbanks North Star Borough	\$13,300,000
City and Borough of Juneau	\$ 5,800,000
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	\$21,020,000
North Slope Borough	\$ 191,000
City of Petersburg	\$ 2,750,000
City of Valdez	\$ 2,400,000
Kodiak Island Borough	\$ 8,500,000
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Total	\$53,961,000

Chapter 18. State Aid to Local Governments.

Article

- 1. Aid for Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes (Repealed)
- 2. Aid for School Construction (§§ 43.18.100 — 43.18.135)
- 5. Cultural Facilities (§ 43.18.500)

Article 1. Aid for Miscellaneous Municipal Purposes.

Section

10-45. (Repealed)

Secs. 43.18.010 — 43.18.045.

Repealed by § 11 ch 155 SLA 1980.

Cross references. — For programs of municipal assistance, see AS 29.88.010 — 29.88.045, 29.89.010 — 29.89.108, 29.90.010 — 29.90.030 and 29.95.010 — 29.95.030.

Editor's notes. — The repealed article derived from § 10, ch. 95, SLA 1969; §§ 1 — 5, ch. 194, SLA 1970; § 3, ch. 84, SLA 1971; §§ 1, 2, ch. 127, SLA 1971; § 43, ch. 1, SLA 1972; §§ 3, 4, ch. 200, SLA 1972; § 6, ch. 32, SLA 1973; §§ 1, 2, ch. 87, SLA 1973; §§ 1, 2, ch. 43, SLA 1974; § 1, ch. 95, SLA 1974; §§ 44, 45, ch. 127, SLA 1974; § 1, ch. 45, SLA 1975; § 1, ch. 100, SLA 1975; §§ 1, 2, ch. 208, SLA 1976; §§ 1, 2, ch. 265, SLA 1976; §§ 4, 5, ch. 120, SLA 1977; § 24, ch. 168, SLA 1978; § 3, ch. 173, SLA 1976.

Article 2. Aid for School Construction.

Section

- 100. State aid for retirement of school construction debt
- 105. Public school facilities construction advance account
- 110. Eligibility

Section

- 115. State aid
- 120. Application for aid
- 125. Conditions of state aid
- 130. Construction and implementation
- 135. Definitions

Sec. 43.18.100. State aid for retirement of school construction debt. (a) During each fiscal year, the state shall allocate to a municipality that is a school district, the following sums:

(1) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred before July 1, 1977 to pay costs of school construction;

(2) 90 percent of

(A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1977 and before July 1, 1978 to pay costs of school construction;

(B) cash payments made after June 30, 1976 and before July 1, 1977 by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs of school construction;

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(A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1978 and before January 1, 1982 to pay costs of school construction projects approved under AS 14.07.020(11);

(B) cash payments made after June 30, 1978 and before July 1, 1982 by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs of school construction projects approved under AS 14.07.020(11);

(4) subject to (h) and (i) of this section 90 percent of

(A) payments made by the municipality during the current fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after December 31, 1981 to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11); and

(B) cash payments made after June 30, 1982 by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11).

(b) The commissioner shall administer the program of reimbursement authorized under this section and shall provide by regulation for the filing of applications for reimbursement, the form of proof of costs for which application for reimbursement is made, and other regulations necessary to administer the program. The commissioner shall exclude from the total school construction cost of the local district all state and federal funds included in these costs except funds provided under this section and AS 43.50.140. In approving applications for reimbursement, the commissioner shall

(1) offset against the amount of reimbursement authorized the amount of any funds distributed to the borough or city in the second preceding fiscal year from the school fund provided for in AS 43.50.140;

(2) Repealed by § 10 ch 92 SLA 1982.

(c) The school construction account is established. Funds to carry out the provisions of this section may be appropriated annually by the legislature to the account. If amounts in the account are insufficient for the purpose of providing the share to which a borough or city is entitled under this section, those funds that are available shall be distributed pro rata among the eligible local governments.

(d) Money in the school construction account which, at the end of the fiscal year for which the money is appropriated, exceeds the amount required for the allocations authorized in this section reverts to the general fund.

(e) The commissioner shall annually provide a report to the legislature on allocations of state aid made under this section, including but not limited to, the amount of state aid paid on a per capita and per student basis and the resultant effect on the rate of levy of taxes by the municipality for educational purposes.

(f) Repealed by § 17 ch 147 SLA 1978.

(g) In this section, unless the context requires otherwise,

(1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

(2) "costs of school construction" means the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, repairing, remodeling, equipping or furnishing of public elementary and secondary school buildings and includes the sum total of all costs of financing and carrying out the project; these include, but are not limited to, the costs of all necessary studies, surveys, plans and specifications, architectural, engineering or other special services, acquisition of real property, site preparation and development, purchase, construction, reconstruction and improvement of real property and the acquisition of machinery and equipment as may be necessary in connection with the project; an allocable portion of the administrative and operating expenses of the grantee; the cost of financing the project, including interest on bonds issued to finance the project; and the cost of other items, including any indemnity and surety bonds and premiums on insurance, legal fees, fees and expenses of trustees, depositaries, financial advisors, and paying agents for the bonds issued as the issuer considers necessary.

(h) An allocation under (a)(4) of this section for school construction begun after July 1, 1982, shall be reduced by the amount of money used for the construction of residential space, hockey rinks, planetariums, saunas, and other facilities for single purpose sporting or recreational uses that are not suitable for other activities. An allocation under (a)(4) of this section may not be reduced by the amount of money used for construction of a small swimming pool, tank, or water storage facility used for water sports. However, an allocation shall be reduced by the difference between the amount of money used to construct a swimming pool that is competition size or larger and the amount of money that would have been used to construct a small swimming pool, tank, or water storage facility, as determined by the commissioner.

(i) For the purposes of (a)(4) of this section

(1) an indebtedness for bonds is incurred after the bonds are sold;

(2) reimbursement for a cash payment may only be made after the payment is made to a vendor; and

(3) payments may not be made for costs that are incurred under a contract after the contract has been released. (§ 1 ch 249 SLA 1970; am § 1 ch 93 SLA 1971; am § 2 ch 137 SLA 1972; am § 1 ch 28 SLA 1973; am § 47 ch 127 SLA 1974; am §§ 1 — 3 ch 120 SLA 1977; am §§ 12, 17 ch 147 SLA 1978; am § 25 ch 168 SLA 1978; am §§ 8 — 10 ch 92 SLA 1982)

Effect of amendments. — The 1977 amendment rewrote subsection (a), inserted the paragraph (1) designation and added paragraph (2) in the third sentence of subsection (b), and added the language

beginning "including but not limited to" to the end of subsection (e).

The first 1978 amendment, in subsection (a), deleted "and cash payments made by the borough or city before July 1, 1976

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to pay the cost of school construction" from the end of paragraph (1), substituted "80 per cent" for "50 per cent" at the beginning of paragraph (2), substituted "June 30, 1976 and before June 30, 1978" for "July 1, 1977" in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2), and added paragraph (3). The amendment also repealed subsection (f), which read "The provisions of (a)(2) of this section apply only to payments made before July 1, 1971. The provisions of (a)(3) of this section apply to payments made after June 30, 1971."

The second 1978 amendment, in paragraph (2) of subsection (g), substituted "the sum: total of all costs of financing and carrying out the project" for "but is not limited to the costs of acquisition of sites, legal, engineering, fiscal, architectural and other fees of specialists or consultants, costs of labor, materials, equipment and supplies, costs of authorization, issuance and sale of bonds, notes, or other evidences of debt" at the end of the first sentence and added the second sentence.

The 1982 amendment, effective July 1, 1982, substituted "a municipality that" for "an organized borough or a city which" in the introductory language of subsection (a), substituted "the municipality" for "the borough or city" in paragraphs (1), (2)(A) and (B), and (3)(A) and (B), substituted "90 percent" for "80 percent" in the introductory language of paragraphs (2) and (3), inserted "and before January 1, 1982" in paragraph (3)(A) and (B), and added paragraph (4). The amendment also repealed paragraph (2) of subsection (b), which read "required the borough or city to provide, with its application, a certified copy of the notice to taxpayers required by AS 43.18.030," and added subsections (h) and (i).

Editor's notes. — AS 43.18.030, referred to in paragraph (2) of subsection (b), was repealed by § 11, ch. 155, SLA 1980. For programs of municipal assistance, see AS 29.88.010 — 29.95.030.

Sec. 43.18.105. Public school facilities construction advance account. The public school facilities construction advance account is established. The account consists of appropriations for distribution under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 to boroughs and cities which are school districts to assist in paying the costs of public school facilities projects approved under AS 14.07.020(10) for which construction is commenced after June 30, 1978 and for which no bonding, notes, or other indebtedness was incurred before July 1, 1978. (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Sec. 43.18.110. Eligibility. Eligibility of a proposed construction project for funding assistance under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 shall be determined by the department based on standards and criteria established by regulation. The standards and criteria to be considered in determining eligibility include the following:

- (1) emergency requirements;
- (2) number of unhoused students;
- (3) new elementary or secondary programs;
- (4) existing community and school facilities and their condition; and
- (5) economic and social stability of the community. (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Sec. 43.18.115. State aid. (a) The amount of state aid payable in advance under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 is the amount by which the cost of construction of the approved school construction project would cause the debt-to-valuation ratio of the municipality to exceed 12 per cent.

(b) A payment under (a) of this section is limited to an amount which, when combined with estimated payments to the school district for the retirement of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or other indebtedness or reimbursement of cash payments for a school construction project for which payment is made under AS 43.18.100(a)(1) or (2) or for an approved school construction project for which payment is made under AS 43.18.100(a)(3), does not exceed 80 per cent of the cost of the school construction project.

(c) For purposes of this section,

(1) "debt" means the principal amount of the direct and general obligation indebtedness of the municipality for which all taxable property is subject to taxation to pay the bond, note or other evidence of the debt, determined and reported in accordance with AS 14.17.140(c);

(2) "valuation" means the full and true value of the real and personal property of the municipality determined in accordance with AS 14.17.140(a). (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Sec. 43.18.120. Application for aid. (a) The commissioner shall prescribe the necessary forms and procedures to be used in applying for construction cost assistance under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135.

(b) A borough or city which is a school district seeking construction cost aid shall apply to the department by October 15 of the prior fiscal year.

(c) Based on his review of applications and his determination of project eligibility, the commissioner shall recommend to the governor an appropriation of funds for state aid for those projects under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135. (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Sec. 43.18.125. Conditions of state aid. (a) Funds distributed to a borough or city which is a school district during a school year under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 shall be received, held, and expended by the district in accordance with the applicable provisions of law and of regulations adopted by the department. Funds provided under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135, but which are not required for the project for which they were granted or which are in excess of that borough's or city which is a district's entitlement for aid under AS 43.18.115 shall be returned to the department and deposited in the general fund.

(b) Each borough or city which is a school district shall maintain financial records of the receipt and disbursement of state funds received under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 and money provided toward local effort. The records shall be in the form prescribed by the department and are subject to audit by it at any time.

(c) Upon completion of the construction project, the chief school administrator of the district shall report the total cost of the project and means of financing it to the commissioner.

(d) Boroughs and cities that are school districts shall secure and maintain in full force and effect adequate property loss insurance for

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Sec. 43.18.130. 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 the state.

(b) Funds may be approved for facilities construction insufficient to meet the requirements under AS 43.18.105 distributed per school district based on

Sec. 43.18.130. the context re

(1) "approved school or an approved school to the extent to AS 14.07.020

(2) "commissioner" (3) "department" SLA 1978)

Section 300. Civic, convention and recreation

Sec. 43.18.130. centers. (a) For the purpose, the state shall provide their nonprofit organizations the able costs of local civic, convention and recreation the cost of fees with the provision

(b) Grants to local government made in a fiscal year allotted according to the agreement on behalf of the state shall include

(1) estimates of the cost of the Works;

the replacement cost of all facilities constructed after July 1, 1978 and for which state funds are available under this chapter. (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Sec. 43.18.130. Construction and implementation. (a) AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 may not be construed so as to create a debt to the state.

(b) Funds to carry out the provisions of AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135 may be appropriated annually by the legislature into the public school facilities construction advance account. If amounts in the account are insufficient to meet the allocations authorized by the commissioner under AS 43.18.105 — 43.18.135, such funds as are available shall be distributed pro rata among each borough and city which is a school district based upon its computed entitlement. (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Sec. 43.18.135. Definitions. In AS 43.18.100 — 43.18.135, unless the context requires otherwise,

(1) "approved school construction project" means the plan for a new school or an addition to or major rehabilitation of an existing school to the extent to which approved by the commissioner in accordance with AS 14.07.020(10);

(2) "commissioner" means the commissioner of education;

(3) "department" means the Department of Education. (§ 13 ch 147 SLA 1978)

Article 3. Community Facilities Grants.

Section

300. Civic, convention and community recreation centers

Sec. 43.18.300. Civic, convention and community recreation centers. (a) Within the limits of legislative appropriations for the purpose, the state shall make matching grants to local governments or their nonprofit designee equal to 50 per cent of the estimated reasonable costs of land acquisition, planning, and construction of municipal civic, convention and community recreation centers and 50 per cent of the cost of feasibility studies relating to these facilities, in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Grants for only one study and one project may be awarded to a local government under this section. Applications for grants shall be made in a form prescribed by the commissioner. A grant shall be allotted according to an agreement made between the commissioner on behalf of the state and the local government receiving the grant. The agreement may include any provision agreed upon by the parties and shall include in substance the following provisions:

(1) estimates of reasonable costs of a study or project as approved by the commissioner after consultation with the Department of Public Works;

Section

58. Alaska School Activities Association
59. Alaska school activities fund

Section

60. Regulations
70. Withholding state funds

Collateral references. — 68 Am. Jur.
Schools, §§ 1-7, 37-55.
76 C.J.S. Schools and School Districts,
§ 83-91.

Modern status of doctrine of sovereign
immunity as applied to public schools and
institutions of higher learning. 33 ALR3d
703.

Sec. 14.07.010. Department of Education. The Department of Education includes the commissioner of education, the state Board of Education, and the staff necessary to carry out the functions of the department. (§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966)

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Quoted in Begich v. Jefferson, Sup. Ct.
Op. No. 481 (File No. 894), 441 P.2d 27
(1968).

Anchorage School Dist., Sup. Ct. Op. No.
2160 (File Nos. 4795, 4797, 4826), 617 P.2d
490 (1980).

Cited in Tunley v. Municipality of

Sec. 14.07.020. Duties of the department. The department shall
(1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state
except the University of Alaska;

(2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of the state
and adopt or recommend plans for the improvement of the public
schools;

(3) provide advisory and consultative services to all public school
governing bodies and personnel;

(4) prescribe by regulation a minimum course of study for the public
schools;

(5) establish, in coordination with the Department of Health and
Social Services, a program for the continuing education of children who
are held in detention facilities in the state during the period of
detention;

(6) accredit those public schools which meet accreditation standards
prescribed by regulation by the department; these regulations shall be
adopted by the department and presented to the legislature during the
first 10 days of any regular session, and become effective 45 days after
presentation or at the end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless
disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members
of each house;


(7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the Department
of Health and Social Services, standards that will assure healthful and
safe conditions in the public and private schools of the state; the stan-
dards for private schools may not be more stringent than those for
public schools;

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(8) in cooperation with the Department of Health and Social Services, exercise general supervision over public and private pre-elementary schools and over the educational component of nurseries as defined in AS 47.35.080(4); pre-elementary schools in this paragraph means schools for children ages three through five years when the schools' primary function is educational;

(9) provide accredited elementary and secondary correspondence study programs available to any Alaskan through a centralized office of correspondence study;

(10) accredit private elementary and secondary schools which request accreditation and which meet accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by the department;

 (11) review plans for construction of new public elementary and secondary schools and for additions to and major rehabilitation of existing public elementary and secondary schools and, in accordance with regulations adopted by the department, determine and approve the extent of eligibility for state aid of a school construction project begun after July 1, 1978; for the purposes of this paragraph, "plans" include educational specifications, schematic designs, and final contract documents;

(12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational education and training, basic education, and fire-service training to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attending school;

(13) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.11.020. (§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966; am § 2 ch 69 SLA 1971; am § 6 ch 104 SLA 1971; am § 1 ch 190 SLA 1975; am § 6 ch 50 SLA 1977; am §§ 1-3 ch 126 SLA 1978; am § 10 ch 147 SLA 1978; am § 1 ch 86 SLA 1979; am § 24 ch 59 SLA 1982; §§ 1, 2 ch 92 SLA 1982)

Revisor's notes. — A reference to AS 14.11.020 was substituted for a reference to AS 14.07.190 in paragraph (13) by the revisor of statutes under AS 01.05.031 to conform to the renumbering of this section.

Effect of amendments. — The first 1978 amendment deleted "private, and denominational" preceding "schools" near the beginning of paragraph (6), inserted "and private" preceding "schools" in paragraph (7), added the language beginning "the standards for private schools" to the end of paragraph (7), and added paragraph (10).

The second 1978 amendment added paragraph (11).

The 1979 amendment added paragraph (12).

The first 1982 amendment substituted "of" for "and" preceding "new public elementary" in paragraph (11).

The second 1982 amendment substituted "'plans' include" for "a 'plan' includes" in paragraph (11), inserted "and approve" and "the" preceding "purposes of this paragraph" in that same paragraph, and added paragraph (13).

Stated in *Tunley v. Municipality of Anchorage School Dist.*, Sup

Collateral references. — require construction or repair of buildings. 1 ALR 1559.

Power of school authorities to employ physicians, nurses, oculists. 12 ALR 922.

Extent of legislative power to regulate attendance and curriculum. 477; 53 ALR 832.

Kindergartens or special

Sec. 14.07.030 Power

(1) establish, maintain, and improve a regional, and special

(2) Repealed by § 34

(3) Repealed by § 34

(4) Repealed by § 34

(5) enter into contracts for the care of school students;

(6) provide for citizens

(7) provide for the safe construction of buildings and other structures;

(8) prescribe a classification

(9) acquire and transfer real property and political subdivisions;

(10) enter into contracts to provide more efficient or improved

(11) provide for the education of persons not in school or twelfth grade education established by the department;

(12) exercise disapproval. 1966; am § 1 ch 66 SLA 1966; am § 1 ch 66 SLA 1975)

children attending public schools are transported. The commissioner shall administer this nonpublic school student transportation program, integrating it into existing systems as much as feasible, and the cost of the program shall be paid from funds appropriated for that purpose by the legislature. (§ 1 ch 157 SLA 1972)

Collateral references. — Constitutional provision forbidding financial aid to religious sects, of public school bus service for pupils of parochial or private schools. 168 ALR 1434. Constitutional provision forbidding financial aid to religious sects, of public provision of school bus service for private school pupils. 41 ALR3d 344. Constitutionality, under state

Chapter 11. Construction, Rehabilitation, and Improvement of Schools and Education-Related Facilities.

Section

- 10. Recommendations and evaluations of projects
- 20. Assumption of responsibilities

Sec. 14.11.010. Recommendations and evaluations of projects.

(a) The assembly or council of a municipality that is a school district or a regional school board may submit a request to the department for a school or education-related facility construction, rehabilitation, or improvement project together with a report evaluating the condition of school or education-related facilities in the municipality or regional educational attendance area and a determination of the need for the project.

(b) With regard to projects requested under (a) of this section the department shall

- (1) rank each project in the order of priority that serves the best interests of the state;
- (2) prepare an estimate of the amount of money needed to finance each project approved by the department and recommend to the governor appropriations for projects to be included in the budget submitted to the legislature;
- (3) provide the governor with a copy of the report of the assembly, council, or regional school board that requested each project approved by the department;
- (4) provide to the legislature within the first 10 days of each regular session a summary of the projects requested by each assembly, council, or regional school board.

(c) In establishing priorities among requested projects the department shall evaluate at least the following factors:

- (1) priorities assigned by the assembly, council, or school board to the projects requested;

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Public and Social Services

- (2) emergency requirements;
 - (3) the number of students without classroom space;
 - (4) new local elementary or secondary programs;
 - (5) existing regional, community, and school facilities and the condition of the facilities;
 - (6) the economic and social stability of the municipality or region.
- (d) The provisions of this section do not affect a municipality's eligibility for reimbursement under AS 43.18.100. (§ 3 ch 92 SLA 1982; AS 14.07.180)

Revisor's notes. — This section was renumbered by the revisor of statutes enacted as AS 14.07.180 and was under AS 01.05.031.

Sec. 14.11.020. Assumption of responsibilities. (a) The assembly or council of a municipality that is a school district or a regional school board may, by resolution or majority vote of the body, assume the responsibilities relating to the planning, design, and construction of a school or an education-related facility located within the boundaries or operating area of the municipality or regional educational attendance area. After receipt of a request by an assembly or council under this subsection, the department shall provide for the assumption of the responsibilities requested. After receipt of a request by a regional school board under this subsection, the department may provide for the assumption of the responsibilities requested.

(b) If a municipality that is a school district or a regional educational attendance area assumes the responsibilities under this section, the department shall grant to the municipality or regional educational attendance area money appropriated for the school or education-related facility. The department may transfer the appropriations to a special construction account in the state treasury. Under the fiscal control of the department, a municipality or regional educational attendance area that assumes responsibilities for the project as provided in this section may draw on the account for costs of the project.

(c) The construction management costs of a project assumed under this section may not exceed four percent of the amount of appropriations for the facility if the amount of appropriations is \$500,000 or less. The construction management costs of a project assumed under this section may not exceed three percent of the amount of appropriations for the facility if the amount of appropriations is over \$500,000 but less than \$5,000,000. The construction management costs of a project assumed under this section may not exceed two percent of the amount of appropriations for the facility if the amount of appropriations is \$5,000,000 or more. For purposes of this subsection "construction management" means management of the project's schedule, quality, and budget during any phase of the planning, design, and construction of the facility by a private contractor engaged by the municipality or regional educational attendance area.

(d) The commission implementing this section shall enter into agreements between the department and the educational attendance area municipality or regional educational attendance area for the planning, design, and construction of the facility. (1982; AS 14.07.190)

Revisor's notes. — This section was enacted as AS 14.07.190

Chapter 12. Or

Article

1. Districts (§§ 14.12.010—14.12.030)
2. School Boards (§§ 14.12.031—14.12.040)
3. Regional Resource Centers (§§ 14.12.041—14.12.050)

Section

10. Districts of state public schools.
20. Support, management, and operation of state public schools.

Collateral references. — 1. Districts of state public schools. §§ 14-36.
2. C.J.S. Schools and School Boards. §§ 23-81.

Grounds for ousting educational institution of its franchise. 46 ALR 1394.
Incorporated educational institution belonging to the state. 1394.

Discretion of administrative agency in changing boundaries of school districts. 65 ALR 1523; 135 ALR 1096.

Sec. 14.12.010. Districts of the state public schools.

(1) each first class city or village;

(2) each organized borough;

(3) the area outside of organized boroughs is divided into regional educational attendance areas. (1966; am § 3 ch 124 SLA)

(d) The commissioner shall adopt necessary regulations implementing this section, and setting out the requirements for agreements between the department and a municipality or regional educational attendance area relating to the assumption by the municipality or regional educational attendance area of responsibilities for the planning, design, and construction of a project. (§ 3 ch 92 SLA 1982 AS 14.07.190)

Revisor's notes. — This section was renumbered by the revisor of statutes under AS 14.07.190 and was under AS 01.05.031.

Chapter 12. Organization and Government of School System.

Article

- 1 Districts (§§ 14.12.010—14.12.020)
- 2 School Boards (§§ 14.12.030 — 14.12.120)
- 3 Regional Resource Centers (§§ 14.12.150 — 14.12.180)

Article 1. Districts.

Section

- 10 Districts of state public school system
- 20 Support, management, and control

Collateral references. — 68 Am. Jur. 2d Schools, §§ 14-36.

75 C.J.S. Schools and School Districts, §§ 23-81.

Grounds for ousting educational corporation of its franchise. 46 ALR 1478.

Incorporated educational body as an institution belonging to the state. 65 ALR 1394.

Discretion of administrative officers as to changing boundaries of school district. 63 ALR 1523; 135 ALR 1096.

Constitutionality and construction of statute which leaves to determination of private individuals the boundaries of territory to be erected into a school district or other political subdivision, or to be added to or detached from an existing district or subdivision. 70 ALR 1062.

Unionization, centralization, or consolidation of school districts as affecting indebtedness and property of the individual districts. 121 ALR 826.

Sec. 14.12.010. Districts of state public school system. The districts of the state public school system are as follows:

- (1) each first class city in the unorganized borough is a city school district;
- (2) each organized borough is a borough school district;
- (3) the area outside organized boroughs and outside first class cities is divided into regional educational attendance areas. (§ 1 ch 98 SLA 1966; am § 3 ch 124 SLA 1975; am § 7 ch 208 SLA 1975)

Honorable Joe Josephson,

As an ~~in~~ public school teacher, I can assure you the lack of state funding for our school is serious. Without a quick supplemental appropriation to restore the full \$11.7 million, our education services for the children will drastically decrease.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Smith



Senator Joe Josephson
1526 F Street
Anchorage, Ak 99501

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Patricia Jobe



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Joe Josephson
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1526 F. Street
Anchorage AK
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FROM: LYNDIA/FBX .TO: ALL
TARGET: LJIIL SUBJ: POM

TO: REP. AL ADAMS AND SEN JOSEPHSON

FROM: CAROLE EVANS, 30320-X, FBX. 99701 # 479-5407

RE: FOUNDATION FORMULA

MSG: I URGE YOUR SUPPORT FULL FUNDING OF THE FOUNDATION FORMULA
AS OPPOSED TO THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL.

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FROM: JUNE, ANC LIO TO: POM, JNU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

3/22/83, JUNE, ANC LIO, MSG 2587

TO: SENATORS FAIKS, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, JOSEPHSON, KELLY, PETTYJOHN, RODEY,
AND STURGULEWSKI

REPRESENTATIVES ABOOD, BARNES, BUSSELL, CLOCKSIN, FLOOD, FURNACE, HAYES,
LINDAUER, LISKA, MARTIN, PESTINGER, PHILLIPS, TISCHER, UEHLING, AND WARD

FROM: LIANNE WESLEY, 5520 E ST 97TH, ANCHORAGE, AK
MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. BOX 1251, ANCHORAGE, AK 99510
(H) 349-1478

RE: CSHB 103

I OPPOSE INCLUDING JUVENILE CORRECTIONS IN THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

I DON'T WANT MONEY SIPHONED FROM YOUTH CORRECTIONS TO ADULT CORRECTIONS.
YOUTH SERVICES WORKS WELL IN THE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES.
I PREFER THAT IT NOT BE PUT IN THE CONFUSION OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS.

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TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM CORRECTION

~~PLEASE DISREGARD POM SHNT 1 2700, FOLLOWING IS CORRECTED POM~~

TO: SENATORS V: FISCHER, JOSEPHSON, KERTTULA, RODEY, STURGULEWSKI
REPRESENTATIVES BUSSELL AND CLOCKSIN

FROM: SHARON EGGERS, ALASKA YOUTH ADVOCATES,
204 EAST 5TH AVE., ROOM 211, ANCHORAGE 99501 274-6541 W
PHONED IN BY EDY NEWSOM, SECRETARY

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS DO NOT BELONG IN THE DIVISION OF ADULT CORRECTIONS.
PUTTING JUVENILE CORRECTIONS IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT AS ADULT CORRECTIONS
WOULD NEGATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT TREATMENT MODEL FOR
DELINQUENTS. LEAVE JUVENILE CORRECTIONS IN SOCIAL SERVICES.

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MSG 83-00003200 PRTY 1 3/24/83 15 15 31 ORIG: 1A01 IN= 0008 OUT= 0060
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TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

3/24/83, SHIRLEE ANC LIO, 3200

TO: SENATORS ██████████ FAIKS, V. FISCHER, STURGULEWSKI,
PETTYJOHN AND KERTTULA
REPRESENTATIVES CLOCKSIN, MARTIN, FRITZ, AND MALONE

FROM: SUSAN BAUER, SRA BOX 416, ANCHORAGE 99507 H 345-1010
W 279-2511 (RES: RABBIT CREEK)

URGE YOU TO CONSIDER LEAVING JUVENILE YOUTH CORRECTIONS UNDER
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND NOT MOVE IT TO
ADULT CORRECTIONS.

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TELEGRAM

ALASCOM, INC.
PHONE: 536-6442
JUNEAU, AK 99802

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02221 POM TDA CHUGIAK AK 15 03-23 1827 AST

FMS SEN JOE JOSEPHSON

JUNEAU AK

REGARDING SEPARATE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE KEEP YOUTH
CORRECTIONS UNDER DIVISION OF FAMILY AND YOUTH SERVICES

JAMES AND MIRIAM SUMNER

SR 2 BOX 7310

CHUGIAK AK 99567

TELEGRAM

ALASCOM, INC.
PHONE: 665-6242
JUNEAU, AK 99801

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02211 POM ANCHORAGE AK 15 03-23 1825 AST

PMS SEN JOE JOSEPHSON

JUNEAU AK

AFPA SUPPORTS KEEPING YOUTH SERVICES UNDER DIRECTION OF HSS
NOT PART OF NEW CORRECTIONS DIVISION.

ALASKA FOSTER PARENTS ASSOCIATION

LOUISE RODONI

2730 BRITTANY

ANCHORAGE AK 99504

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Josephson,



Alaska State Legislature

Senate

Official Business

Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

June 29, 1983

Dear :

Thank you for your message urging full funding of the foundation program.

The Committee on Health, Education and Social Services, which I chair, has endorsed full funding. However, the realities in the legislature are that full funding will not be achievable in FY 1984. The Governor does not support full funding, and most legislators believe that school districts should utilize more local resources when they are available.

One of the steps we are taking is to try to assure the maximum funds for school construction under the debt service funding formula. We have included additional debt service retirement funds in SB 158. We are trying to include the total debt service amount allowable by statute for existing construction obligations.

Again, thank you for your message of concern with the school funding process. In the future, I will continue to work for the most equitable solution towards the educational needs of our state.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Senator Joe P. Josephson
Chair of the Health, Education
and Social Services Committee

JPJ/tl

FOUNDATION FUNDING
FOR LETTER OF JUNE 29, 1983

Vinside_addressVJohn Norman
President
Fairbanks Principals Association
951 Airport Way
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
VnameVMr. Norman

Vinside_addressVEmily Ennis
S.R. Box 31148
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
VnameVMs. Ennis

Vinside_addressVDarrellyn Meritt
Principal
Woodriver Elementary School
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VnameVMs. Meritt

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Service High School
5577 Abbott Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
VnameVMr. Coney

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Anchorage, Alaska 99504
VnameVMr. McCoy

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VnameVMs. Farnam

Vinside_addressVSandra Legoullon
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VnameVMr. Walter

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2991 Douglas Highway
Juneau, Alaska 99824
VnameVKris

Vinside_addressVCarroll G. Fader
Borough Mayor
Ketchikan Gateway Borough
344 Front Street
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
VnameVMr. Fader

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1023 Gilmore Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
VnameVMr. DeLeon

550 024000 0000 RTTY 4 05/05/83 17:14.05 ORIG: LPTC IN# 0000 OUT# 0101
FROM: GAIL RYD TO: JUNE INF
SUBJECT: LUNL SUBJ: FOMC

TO: INTERIM DELEGATION SEN'S BENNETT, MOSS, FAMBREKAMP
SEN FINANCIAL CTR: SEN'S JACKETT, FERGUSON, JOSEPHSON, FALKS, FISCHER,
MULCAHY

TO: JOHN NORMAN, 951 AIRPORT WAY, RY 99701 PH: 479-8422(W), 452-4751(W)
PRESIDENT, RY PRINCIPALS ASSOC.

RE: FULL FUNDING, PRESENT FOUNDATION FORMULA FOR EDUCATION

NOTE: WE AS PRINCIPALS SEE LONG-TIME ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS BEING CUT IN OUR
SCHOOLS FOR LACK OF FUNDS. THESE ARE PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE WITHSTOOD CLOSE
PUBLIC SCRUTINY IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENT AND ARE GOOD FOR STUDENTS. WE URGE THAT
YOU SUPPORT FULL FUNDING OF THE PRESENT FOUNDATION FORMULA FOR EDUCATION.

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FROM: GAIL/FBX TO: JUNO INF
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SEN FINANCE CMTE: SEN'S BENNETT, SACKETT, FERGUSON, JOSEPHSON, FAIKS,
V. FISCHER, MULCAHY
HSE FINANCE CMTE: REP'S ADAMS, BETTISWORTH, HURLBERT, PESTINGER,
GRUSSENDORF, MARTIN, WARD, FLOOD, LINDAUER, DUNCAN, ZHAROFF
INTERIOR DELEGATION: REP'S DAVIS, KOPONEN, M W MILLER, RINGSTAD
SEN'S MOSS & FAHRENKAMP

FR: EMILY ENNIS, S R BOX 31148, FBX 99701 PH: 456-1281(H), 456-8901(W)

RE: SCHOOL FUNDING

MSG: IN REGARD TO THE FAIRBANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT, I SUPPORT FULL FUNDING OF
THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM.

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03-00018042 PRY 05/05/83 15:25:25 ORIG: LF20 IN: 0005 OUT: 0169
FROM: GAIL/BDX TO: JUNG INF
TARGET: LUNL SUBJ: POH2

TO: HSE MESS CMTE: REP'S FRITZ, TISSNER, M W MILLER, WERRMANN, GOLL, KOPONEN,
DAVID

SEN MESS CMTE: SEN'S JOSEPHSON, V FISCHER, HALFORD, P FISCHER, HOSS

FR: DARRELLYN MERITT, PRINCIPAL, WOODRIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 5000 PALA VERDE,
POY 99704 PH: 479-4211(W), 479-0664(H) (MOTHER OF 1TH GRADE
DAUGHTER)

RE: EDUCATION FUNDING

MSG: TO MAINTAIN QUALITY EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN IN FAIRBANKS AND THE
STATE, PLEASE SUPPORT FULL FUNDING OF THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION PROGRAM.

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FAIRBANKS

JOHN COREY, SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL
5577 ABBOTT ROAD, ANCHORAGE, AK 99507
H- 344-7839 W-344-2561 EX-214

PLEASE FULLY FUND THE EXISTING PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FORMULA AS A MINIMUM
OF STATE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS. OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT CANNOT ACCEPT SHORT
FALLS FROM SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDS, THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, AS WELL AS STATE
INSTRUCTION SUPPORT MONIES. WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR \$448 MILLION APPROP-
RIATION FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM.



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FROM: SHIRLEE ANC LIO TO: POMS JUNEAU INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS HALFORD, KERTTULA, KELLY, STURGULEWSKI, PETTYJOHN,
JOSEPHSON, RODEY, AND V. FISCHER

REPRESENTATIVES HAYES, FLOOD, WARD, LINDAUER, PESTINGER,
FURNACE, COWDERY, PHILL PS, CLOCKSIN AND SZYMANSKI

FROM: ROD MCCOY, 7749 OLD HARBOR ROAD, ANCHORAGE 99504
H 337-6138 W 337-9504

PLEASE SUPPORT A FULL \$448 MILLION APPROPRIATION FOR THE PUBLIC
SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM.

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MSG 83-00016800 PRTY 1 05/11/83 13:51:27 ORIG: LF00 IN= 0002 OUT= 0079
FROM: MAXINE/FBX * TO: JUNO INFO
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS: JOSEPHSON, V FISCHER, HALFORD, P. FISCHER, MOSS
FR: BARBARA ANDON, BOX 754, FBX 99707 (.2 MI WHITMAN RD) PH. 488-2710
RE: EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

MSG: PLEASE SUPPORT FULL EDUCATIONAL FUNDING AND ALSO A DEBT RETIREMENT
FOR 1983/84 AT 90 PERCENT.

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MSG 83-00016766 PRTY 1 05/11/83 13:20:11 ORIG: LF20 IN= 0006 OUT= 0064
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TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SEN JOSEPHSON

FROM: YVONNE CLIVER, 685 FAIRBANKS ST, FBX. 99701 #479-5438

RE: EDUCATION FUNDING

MSG: FULL SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FOR 83-84 AND FULL SUPPORT OF
DEBT RETIREMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 83-84 AT 90PER CENT REIMBURSEMENT IS
URGENTLY NEEDED. PLEASE SUPPORT EDUCATION FUNDING.

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MSG 83-00016768 PRTY 1 05/11/83 13:21:52 ORIG: LF01 IN= 0005 OUT= 0065
FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO: JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATE HESS: SENATORS: JOSEPHSON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, P. FISCHER,
AND MOSS

FROM: CANDY FARNAM, 1221 3RD AVE., FAIRBANKS 99701 HOME 452-2345

RE: EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

PLEASE SUPPORT FULL EDUCATIONAL FUNDING 1983-84 YEAR AND DEBT RETIREMENT
83-84 AT 90%.

SENATORS BENNETT, SACKETT, FERGUSON, JOSEPHSON, FAIKS,
V. FISCHER, MULCAHY, AND REPRESENTATIVES: ADAMS,
BETTISWORTH HURLBERT, PESTINGER, GRUSSENDORF, MARTIN,
WARD, FLOOD, LINDAUER, DUNCAN, ZHAROFF

FROM: SANDRA LEGOULLON, S.R. BOX 51018, FAIRBANKS 99701 HOME 488-2028

RE: FUNDING FOR EDUCATION

THE NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT REALLY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT FOR
ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION. PLEASE HELP US.

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NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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TO POM, JUNEAU INFO

LOCKSIN, SZYMANSKI
ON RODEY AND V. FISCHER ..

SR BOX 2144D, ANCHORAGE 99507
337-1585

OUR SUPPORT OF FULL SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUNDING. IT IS
IMPORTANT COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE.

PROBABL.

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Josephson,

***** MARY/MATSU - 5/3 - 14373 *****

TO: SENATORS BENNETT, SACKETT, FERCUSON, JOSEPHSON, FAIKS, V. FISCHER, MULCAHY

FR: ANDREW P AND MARY L CULLISON
P O BOX 106
PALMER 99645

RE: HB 251

WE WANT THIS BILL TO BE FULLY FUNDED TO ENABLE ALL CHILDREN TO BENEFIT
BY OFFERING THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE.

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Josephson,

HOMER PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 1253
Homer, AK 99603

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May 10, 1983

Josephson,

The Honorable Senator Joe Josephson, Co-chairperson
Senator HESS Committee
Alaska State Legislature
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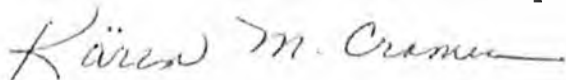
My dear Senator Josephson:

The Homer Parent Advisory Committee urges your personal attention and support of the recommendation of \$448,000,000 to fund our schools for the 1983-84 school year.

As an elected advisory committee, functioning between the School Board and the local schools, we are aware of the time and effort spent in securing additional appropriation due to the "short fall" of funds last fall and sincerely hope that our school administration doesn't have to be so disrupted this year.

We thank you for your interest and concern in supporting the continued improvement of our education system in Alaska.

Respectfully submitted
for the Homer Parent Advisory Committee,



Karen M. Cramer, Secretary

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F.D. LEWIS, 3754 ARCADE BUILDING, CIRCLE 10
MAIL BOX 844, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20540

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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May 12, 1983
Dear Senator Joe Josephson

As a very concerned parent
I am writing to ask for your
support in the full funding
for the Public School Foundation
for fiscal year 1983-1984. Also
for the full 90% for the Dept.
of Retirement for the new schools
in Fairbanks instead of 60%.
Thanks for reading my concerns.

Sincerely
Patti Earl



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

344 FRONT STREET
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901

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Josephson,

May 10, 1983

The Honorable Joe Josephson
State Capitol, Pouch V
Interdepartmental Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly, in regular session on Monday, May 9, 1983 gave formal approval of the enclosed resolution. The Borough Assembly is on record as strongly in favor of full funding of the Public School Foundation Formula and State Aid for School Construction.

Ketchikan is currently experiencing a population influx and overcrowding of existing schools will cause a compromise in the educational programs unless more facilities and resources are made available for the growing student population. Recognizing this, the Borough Assembly has substantially increased the local contribution to the school district operating budget and allocated nearly Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for new school construction and facility improvements.


Farsighted Ketchikan citizens are prepared to bond for Sixteen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$16,900,000) of school construction on May 24. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough is committed to providing education to the children, but we need your help.

I am confident that the Borough Assembly is representing the community's position on education in the action of approving this resolution. The people of Ketchikan view education as an investment in young people, the future of Alaska.

Page 2
May 10, 1983

Your support of full funding of the Public School Foundation Formula and State Aid for School Construction will be appreciated by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly and by the citizens we represent. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this resolution and your efforts to provide quality education to the young people of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Carroll G. Fader
Borough Mayor

Enclosure

I hereby certify this is a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office.

ATTEST:

Georgiana Booth
Borough Clerk

Voting "yes": Whitt.
Davidso.
Carsow
Elkins
Hansen
Bartholomew
Voting "no": None
Absent: Thomas
4 votes required for passage
EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/16/83

K E T C H I K A N G A T E W A Y B O R O U G H

Resolution No. 521

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE PROVIDE FULL FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION FORMULA AND FULL FUNDING OF 90% STATE RETIREMENT OF APPROVED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBTS

R E C I T A L S

- A. The Constitution of the State of Alaska designates the State as being responsible for providing a system of public education; and
- B. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough contributes a substantial portion of local revenues to maintain the educational facilities and programs for the children of Ketchikan; and
- C. Student population increases in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and throughout Alaska, are causing an increase in the demand for school facilities and programs for the public; and
- D. Certain Alaska Statutes are currently in existence to offer support to local communities in their efforts to provide quality education to the children of the State:
1. Alaska State Statute Title 14, Chapter 17, Art. 1, provides for a Public School Foundation program; and
 2. Alaska State Statute Title 43, Chapter 18, Art. 2, provides for Aid for School Construction; and
- E. Inequities are created across the State of Alaska when some communities receive legislative appropriations for school construction while others are completely dependent on the generosity of the local taxpayers.
- F. Equal educational opportunity is guaranteed to citizens of the United States, with the courts traditionally holding that quality education must be offered to all children; and
- G. State spending for educational programs and facilities can be viewed as an investment in Alaska's most valuable resource-- children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA, as follows:

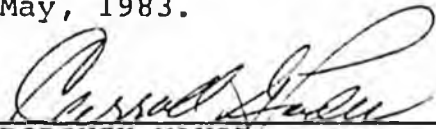
Section 1. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly requests the Alaska State Legislature fully fund the Public School Foundation Formula at the level of \$448,000,000, and to specify and appropriate sufficient Foundation funds for districts to project an accurate estimate of revenues for budget purposes.

Section 2. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly requests the Alaska State Legislature fully fund the Aid to School Construction at the 90% level, and to specify and appropriate sufficient funds in time for each city/borough to project an accurate estimate of revenues for budget purposes.

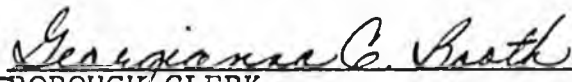
Section 3. The Borough Mayor is authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to every member of the Alaska State Legislature with a letter of transmittal encouraging immediate action regarding the above stated educational funding concerns.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 1983.


BOROUGH MAYOR,

ATTEST:


BOROUGH CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

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FROM: ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO: JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: SENATORS: FAHRENKAMP, FAIKS, FERGUSON, P. FISCHER, HALFORD,
JOSEPHSON, HOSS, MULCAHY, SACKETT, RAY, KERTTULA

REPRESENTATIVES: BETTISWORTH, ADAMS, CATO, DAVIS, DUNCAN, FLOOD,
FRITZ, GRUSSENDORF, HURLBERT, KOPONEN, LARSON, LINDAUER, MARTIN,
M. W. MILLER, PESTINGER, RINGSTAD, TISCHER, WARD, ZHAROFF, BARNES

FROM: TED W. DE LEON, 1023 GILMORE STREET, FAIRBANKS 99701
HOME 452-3624

RE: EDUCATIONAL FUNDING -- FOUNDATION FUNDS

PLEASE INSURE EDUCATIONAL MONEY GOES TO INSTRUCTION AND UPKEEP OF BUILDINGS.
FOUNDATION FUNDS MUST HAVE EARMARKS OF 70% TO BUILDING LEVEL INSTRUCTION &
PROGRAMS AND 20% TO MAINTENANCE OF INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDINGS. N.S.B.S.D.
ADMINISTRATION WILL CUT CLASSROOM NEEDS AS THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY WILL NOT
GIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

RE: DRINKING AGE

PLEASE RAISE DRINKING AGE TO 21. FALSE I. D.S AND 19 YEAR OLD FRIENDS MAKE
GETTING ALCOHOL TOO EASY FOR 13 & 14 OLD CHILDREN. THIS YEARS 9TH GRAD
STUDENTS HAVE A VERY LARGE DRINKING PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE ACCESSIBILITY OF
ALCOHOL. OUR YOUTH NEED AND DESERVE PROTECTION.



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June 9, 1983

Jane and Henry Burchard
SR 50801
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Burchard:

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Sincerely,

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Joe P. Josephson
Senator

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Dear Len Joe Josephson, 5/11/83

I would like to have
your full support for public
School foundation & 90% support
for Dept retirement for 1983-1984
fiscal year. I thank you

Jane & Henry Burchard
Two Rivers school area

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May 24, 1983

Cynthia Stenard
4624 Stanford Drive
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mrs. Stenard:

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4624 Stanford Dr.
Fairbanks Ak.

5/5/83

Dear Mr. Josephson,

Because of your position as Chairman of the Senate I feel it is important that you understand that I firmly believe the future of Alaska depends on the quality of the education given to today's youth.

Quality costs - but there is no better investment we can make for the future of Alaska.

I support full funding of the educational foundations programs.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Steward

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May 10, 1983

Linda Meyers
President
Classified Personnel Organization
Matanuska Susitna School District
P. O. Box 3173
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear Ms. Meyers :

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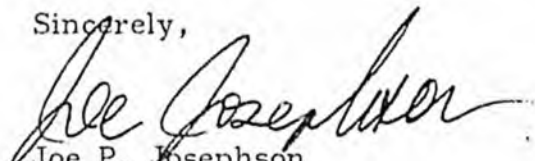
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May 10, 1983

Lee R. Page
P. O. Box 100518
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Lee :

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May 10, 1983

Sue Erickson
President
City and Borough of Juneau School District
P. O. Box 808
Douglas, Alaska 99824

Dear Ms. Erickson:

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May 9, 1983

Mr. Ron Brown, Project Chairman
Mr. G. Kent Edwards, President
Common Sense for Alaska, Inc.
P. O. Box 4-1104
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

Dear Mr. Brown and Mr. Edwards:

I thank you for your letter and for the report from Common Sense for Alaska on the subject of Alaska education.

The report should also be brought to the attention of the new Commissioner, and I trust that Common Sense has done that.

As you may know, the Administration and the Committee on Health, Education and Social Services, which I chair, are going to be working during the interim between sessions on a review of the Foundation Program to ascertain if the system of school funding can be improved, made more cost-effective, and made more equitable. There is a recent report on this subject from the Educational Commission of the States which you might like to have, and a copy of that report is enclosed.

Your interest in education is deeply appreciated. Should at any time you have any legislative suggestions to bring to my attention, or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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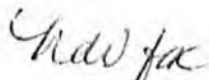
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Enclosed is a report from Common Sense for Alaska concerning recommendations on Alaskan education. Given the important relationship between funding and the evaluation of educational achievements, we thought our findings and recommendations would be of assistance in your funding formula deliberations.

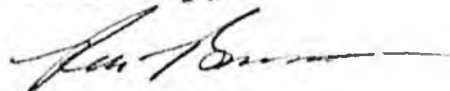
If we can be of any assistance on the matters raised by this report, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,



G. Kent Edwards
President

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Ron Brown
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Marilyn Dawson
P. O. Box 824
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

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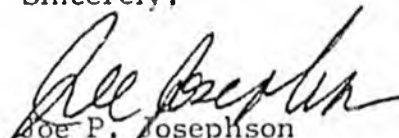
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G. Gregory Moo
Principal
Seward High School
Seward, Alaska 99664

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Joe Widman
302 East 7th Street
North Pole, Alaska 99705

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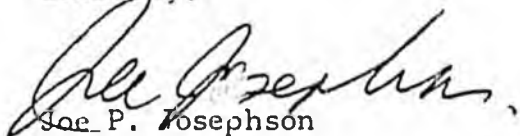
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Larry LaBolle
Superintendent
Nome Public Schools
Box 131
Nome, Alaska 99762

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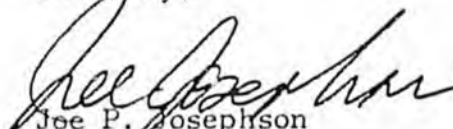
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Dale Durrwachter
1717 Tamarack
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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May 9, 1983

Tim O'Keefe
P. O. Box 73003
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

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May 9, 1983

Lee Winn
Principal
Homer High School
SRA Box 500
Homer, Alaska 99603

Dear Lee:

Thank you for your message urging full funding of the foundation program.

The Committee on Health, Education and Social Services, which I chair, has endorsed full funding. However, the realities in the legislature are that full funding will not be achievable in FY 1984. The Governor does not support full funding, and most legislators believe that school districts should utilize more local resources when they are available.

One of the steps we are taking is to try to assure the maximum funds for school construction under the debt service funding formula. We have included additional debt service retirement funds in SB 158, recently reported out of HESS Committee and now before the Finance Committee. We are trying to include the total debt service amount allowable by statute for existing construction obligations.

Again, thank you for your message of concern with the school funding process. In the future, I will continue to work for the most equitable solution towards the educational needs of our state.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe P. Josephson".

Joe P. Josephson
Senator

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ALASKA STATE SENATE

JOE P. JOSEPHSON
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May 9, 1983

Bill Kuhlmann
P. O. Box 891
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

Dear Mr. Kuhlmann:

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MAJORITY CAUCUS (CHAIR)

May 9, 1983

Dorothy Orr
5200 Leslie, #1
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Ms. Orr:

Thank you for your message urging full funding of the foundation program.

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Sincerely,


Joe P. Josephson
Senator

JPJ/tl

TO: SENATORS KERTTULA, BENNETT, SACKETT, FERCUSON, JOSEPHSON, FAIKS,
V. FISCHER, MULCAHY
REF'S. LACHER, LARSON

FR: MARILYN DAWSON
P O BOX 824
WASILLA 99687

PH: 376-3498

I OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF HB 251 AS IT CAME INTO THE SENATE. PLEASE DO
NOT PASS IN THE CONDITION. THANK YOU.

Josephson

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FR: JOE WIDMAN, 302 EAST 7TH ST. N. POLE 99705 PH488-6249 ✓
PRINCIPAL N. POLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RE: EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

MSG: PLEASE SUPPORT THE 448 MILLION DOLLAR EDUCATIONAL FUNDING
SO THAT CURRENT FOUNDATION APPROP CAN CONTINUE.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE STRONG EDUCATION PROGRAM WE HAVE HERE IN FBX
WE NEED THIS LEVEL OF FUNDING. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO ASK PROPERTY OWNERS
TO PAY INCREASED TAXES WHEN MANY DISTRICTS PAY LITTLE OR NO TAXES FOR DIRECT
SCHOOL SUPPORT.

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TO: SENATORS JOSEPHSON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, P. FISCHER, MOSS
SENATOR BENNETT, AND SENATOR FAHRENKAMP

FROM: DALE DURRWACHTER, 1717 TAMARACK, FAIRBANKS 99701 WORK 456-5775

RE: FULL FOUNDATION FUNDING OF STATEWIDE EDUCATION

AS AN ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL NOW SEEING YEARS OF PROGRESS BEING ELIMINATED
DUE TO SEVERE FUNDING SHORTFALLS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL I URGE THAT THE
COMMITTEE FUND FULLY THE FOUNDATION FORMULA AT THE \$448,000,000 SUPPORT
LEVEL.

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TO: ALL SENATORS

FR: LINDA MEYERS, PRES
CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL ORGANIZATION
MATANUSKA SUSITNA SCHOOL DISTRICT
P O BOX 3137
PALMER 99645

THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL ORGANIZATION
OF THE MATANUSKA SUSITNA SCHOOL DISTRICT STRONGLY OPPOS THE SCHOOL FUNDING
APPLICATION OF SB 176. WE ALSO OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF THE HB 251.

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TO: SEN. HESS CMTE: SEN'S JOSEPHSON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, P. FISCHER, MOSS
INTERIOR DELEGATION: SEN'S BENNETT & FAHRENKAMP

FR: TIM O'KEEFE, P O BOX 73003, FBX 99707 PH: 456-5878(H), 372-3246(W)

RE: FOUNDATION FUNDING FORMULA AND THE \$448,000,000 FOR FULL FOUNDATION FUNDING AND NO CHANGE IN THE FORMULA FOR THE SMALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FUNDING

MSG: THE HOUSE RECOMMENDATION OF \$415 MILLION ON FOUNDATION FUNDS WOULD HAVE A DRASTIC NEGATIVE EFFECT ON MY STUDENTS IN MY SCHOOL. WE WILL LOSE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION THAT ALASKA HAS BEEN PROUD OF. I WOULD RECOMMEND THE FULL FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AT \$448 MILLION. I ALSO URGE THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE NO CHANGES IN THE FORMULA FOR FUNDING SMALL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

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4/19/83, SHIRLEE ANC L10, 9978

TO: SENATORS JOSEPHSON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, P. FISCHER AND
MOSS
REPRESENTATIVES FRITZ, TISCHER, M. W. MILLER, CATO, GOLL,
KOPONEN AND DAVIS

FROM: BILL KUHLMANN, P.O. BOX 891, EAGLE RIVER 99577
H 694-2426 W 688-2141

PLEASE SUPPORT THE 448 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC
EDUCATION AND THE USE OF THE FOUNDATION FORMULA.

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4/6/83, SHIRLEE ANC LTD, 6082

TO: ALL MEMBERS, ALASKA SENATE
REPRESENTATIVE TISCHER

FROM: DENISE KNAPP, P.O. BOX 4-787, ANCHORAGE 99509
(RES: HOUSE DISTRICT 11) H 243-7170

URGE PASSAGE OF CSHB 251 TO STUDY POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES
TO PRESENT SYSTEM FOR STATE SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION.

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MESS. #6106 JUDY/MATSU 4/6/83

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: KATHLEEN AND MARVIN FARIS
SRA BOX 6631
PALMER 99645 PH. 376-3182 WK. PH. 376-5308

THE STATE OF ALAKA MUST HAVE A FULLY FUNDED PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM. OUR CHILDREN DESERVE YOUR FULL AND LOYAL SUPPORT. WE SUPPORT HB263 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION. PLEASE ACT NOW.

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TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO SENATORS: BENNETT, SACKETT, FAIKS, FERGUSON, VIC FISCHER, JOSEPHSON,
MULCAHY, PAUL FISCHER, HALFORD, MOSS

TO REPRESENTATIVE: ZHAROFF

FROM: MARGARET HALL
P.O. BOX 1916
KODIAK, ALASKA 99615
486-6108

RE: CSHB 251

AS A TEACHER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, I URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST CSHB 251. UNDER
THIS BILL WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY FUNDS INTENDED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
AND NECESSARY PROGRAMS WILL SUFFER.

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APR 08 1983

Josephson,

Box 227

SEWARD HIGH SCHOOL

A part of KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEWARD, ALASKA 99664

Phone
(907) 224-3351

April 25, 1983

Honorable Joe P. Josephson
Chairman, Senate Health, Education and Social Services
Room 508 Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

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Josephson,

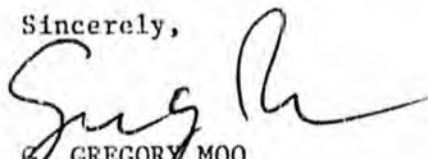
Dear Senator Josephson:

Please accept this letter as being in support of present efforts to provide reasonable levels of funding to meet costs associated with educating Alaska's school age children. Specifically the concept and past procedure of providing funding on a foundation formula has proven successful, and it should be continued. Related to this end of prime importance to those of us who must build and project budgets, it seems appropriate to provide funding to districts on a forward-funding basis. Forward funding would allow and support fiscal planning and fiscal control of expenditures in our state's school districts.

Inasmuch as budgets have been built for the FY 84 school year based on a \$448 million funding appropriation, it would be devastating to planning efforts if the funding package were to be less than the amount stipulated. We have already been forced to cut back due to current and projected changes in the funding formula, and any additional reduction would take its toll in programs and educational services available to students. Of similar negative impact would be changes in the present regulation regarding funding of junior high schools as separate administrative units. As you are aware, junior high school students are at a stage in their development when special programs and special educational services are necessary. The present funding formula which allows junior high schools to be separate administrative units supports the educational realities of this learner group's needs. It is my hope that present regulations will be maintained to allow junior high schools established and funded as separate administrative units.

I very much appreciate your concern and your support for these issues. Thank you.

Sincerely,



GREGORY MOO
Principal

GM00:dlk



April 18, 1983

Senator Joe Josephson
Pouch V
Juneau
Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

Enclosed is a resolution passed by the Nome City School Board requesting full funding of the present foundation program. Even if an alternative method of allotting funds is approved it will not reduce the need for full funding unless some type of reallocation is also addressed.

The reduction in funding to the 95% level means that Nome City Schools will be asking the City for a significant increase in local effort to meet the anticipated shortfall. In talking with several other superintendents, it appears most city and borough school districts are in a similar position.

School funding in Alaska is in serious need of revamping. Large districts were granted equal ADM requirements to generate foundation units approximately four years ago (because economy of scale did not exist). REAA's have received preferential funding (because economy of scale does exist). Large districts now receive preferential special education funding.

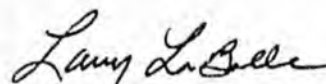
There seems to have been little advocacy for small city or borough districts during all of this.

Additionally the area differential seems more related to politics than any cost figures.

Nome has exercised a considerable amount of economic restraint during the past year. This, coupled with the supplemental appropriation, will allow us to end the year in a sound position. The present talk of 95% funding of the current enrollment will only place school districts in a position similar to the one we found ourselves in this year and require an increased local effort from cities and boroughs.

Nome has never asked for a 55 percent rule waiver and when our unencumbered budget balance at the end of the audited year was \$3,000 and the fund balance of a comparable sized REAA was approximately \$1,000,000 there is at least an indication of some inequity.

Sincerely,


Larry LaBolle
Superintendent

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RESOLUTION FY-83-6

WHEREAS, Education is a Constitutional responsibility of the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the State has assumed the responsibility for funding basic need through the foundation program and supplemental equalization, and

WHEREAS, local educational agencies depend heavily upon these sources of funding to finance their operating budgets, and

WHEREAS, budget expenditures for fixed costs cannot be cut substantially, and

WHEREAS, the only areas where substantial cuts can be made directly affect student program;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Nome Public School Board go on record urging that the Alaska State Legislature fully fund basic education for the FY-84 school year.

Adopted April 14, 1983

Homer High School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

LEE WINN, PRINCIPAL
DARREL WHITE, VICE PRINCIPAL

April 21, 1983

SRA BOX 500
HOMER, ALASKA 99603
PHONE: (907) 235-8186

Foundation

The Honorable Senator Joe Josephson
Senate HESS Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V, "MS-3100"
Juneau, AK 99811

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My dear Senator Josephson:

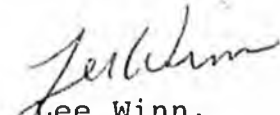
This letter is in support of the recommendation of \$448,000,-
000 to fund our schools for the 1983-84 school year. Your
personal attention and help in seeing this accomplished
would be greatly appreciated.

During the 1982-83 school year we were faced with the need
for supplemental appropriation of funds. As a building
administrator, I assure you the time and effort in securing
additional appropriation for this "short fall" of funds
created a hardship on our school and our school district.
In September major cuts were made in our budget in order to
offset the lack of funds. It is very disruptive to start a
school year, establish a budget, and be confronted with the
realization of a large cut. Equipment and supply orders
were thrown in array.

I sincerely hope the schools will not be faced with this
dilemma next year. Your support and endorsement for the
\$448,000,000 would guarantee us a smooth commencement of
the 1983-84 school year.

I thank you in advance for your continued interest and con-
cern for maintaining and improving a quality education for
the youth of our great Alaska.

Sincerely,


Lee Winn,
Principal

LW:gs

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 808 • DOUGLAS, ALASKA 99824

April 18, 1983

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APR 25 1983

The Honorable Joseph P. Josephson
Chairman of the Senate Hess Committee
State of Alaska
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Josephson,

Dear Senator Josephson:

The Board of Education of the City and Borough of Juneau reviewed Senate CS for ~~CS for~~ House Bill #251 (HESS) on April 19, 1983. In our deliberations we found the Senate Committee Substitute to be very much in line with the Juneau Board of Education's view of funding for the State School Foundation Program for FY 1984. Therefore, the School Board has directed me to write to you indicating our support for Senate Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill #251 (HESS). We would like to state that the Juneau School Board agrees completely with the full funding statement found in the analysis of the fiscal note prepared by the Senate Hess Committee as stated in the Senate Journal Supplement dated 4/14/83.

We urge your support for the Senate version of the bill and full funding of the Foundation Program as specified in Statute including the amendments provided by the aforementioned bill.

Sincerely,

Sue Erickson

Sue Erickson
President

TELEGRAM

ALASCOM, INC.
PHONE: 586-6442
JUNEAU, AK 99802

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PMS SENATE HSG COMMITTEE

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JUNEAU

RE HB251 AND SB176. TOK SCHOOL AND TOK COMMUNITY
ADAMANTLY OPPOSE TO ABOVE BILL. IMPACT OF THIS
LEGISLATION WILL CAUSE IRREPAIRABLE HARM TO ALL
STUDENTS. RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF FOUNDATION
FORMULA AND FULL FUNDING FOR FOUNDATION PROGRAM.

TOK ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARD AND TOK COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVE

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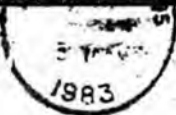
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9 MAY 1993
Thank you so much for your support of public schools and I hope you will continue to fight for the \$448 million Foundation Funding appropriation.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to visit with you when I was in Geneva April 8, however, your aide 'Sem Baggage' was extremely helpful.

Thank you again.

Donna Orr

WOM
5300 Gladie #1
Anch., AK. 99508



Landing of Oglethorpe, Georgia, 1733

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MAY 06 1983

Josephson,

Sch Honorable Sen Joe Josephson
Alaska State Senate
Pouch V, State Capitol Bldg.
Juneau, AK. 99811

Dear Senator Josephson,

March 16, 1983

As you are no doubt aware, we in the Anchorage School Dist. have experienced significant difficulty this current school year because of an underfunding of education by the last State Legislature. We feel it is vitally important that the Legislature take action this year to fully fund the Foundation Program.

This action is urgently needed now in order to enable the Municipal Assembly to approve a meaningful budget for the Anchorage School Dist. for the 1983-84 school year.

We appreciate your support of the supplemental appropriation for this school year and look forward to your continued support with the Foundation funding.

Sincerely,
Lee R. Page ✓
P.O. Box 100518
Anchorage, AK
99510

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Hon. Joe Josephson
State Senator
1526 F Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

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May 3, 1983

Lee R. Page
P. O. Box 100518
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your postcard. I support the Foundation Funding. I also support funding of the foundation program at the 100% level, although I am clearly in the minority in this legislature. We have been successful, in the Senate, in procuring millions of dollars for school repairs and improvements in the Anchorage district. My amendments to one bill alone have equaled almost \$13 million. As you noted in your card, we were also successful in obtaining the supplemental appropriation for the current school year.

You can be sure that I will continue to be a spokesperson for action which will enable Alaska to meet its constitutional responsibilities to support public education.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe P. Josephson".

Joe P. Josephson
Senator

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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

May 3, 1983

Darroll R. Hargraves
Superintendent of Schools
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District
Pouch Z
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

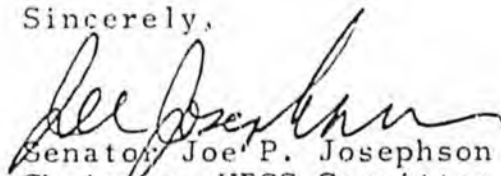
Dear Dr. Hargraves:

Again I wish to thank you for your testimony before the Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services. As you know, I share your concerns about HB 251. I do not believe that school districts in fast growing population areas should be penalized as the House bill would penalize them. I do not see any advantage in moving very far from the existing foundation formula--except insofar as the "junior high school" amendment would cure one of the existing abuses--without a study showing the direction which new legislation should take.

Your March 25 letter is acknowledged with my thanks. You can be sure that I will continue to be a supporter of the foundation formula at the maximum responsible funding level.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


Senator Joe P. Josephson
Chairman, HESS Committee

JPJ/tt



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State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

May 4, 1983

Harry E. Purdy
Superintendent
Galena City School District
Galena, Alaska 99741

Dear Harry:

Your letter of April 15 is greatly appreciated.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I wrote to Sidney Huntington concerning full funding of the foundation program. I hope that it answers your concerns and also any questions that you may have.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe P. Josephson".

Joe P. Josephson
Senator

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Enclosure



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Darroll Hargraves
SUPERINTENDENT

March 25, 1983

The Honorable Joe Josephson
Senate HESS Committee
State Capitol
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board has unanimously approved a resolution to support full funding of the foundation formula for FY-84.

It has been rather difficult to determine the specific reasons why H.B. 250, better known as the Tischer Bill, has moved so rapidly through the House. This bill, which would freeze the funding for public schools on an Average Daily Membership basis could result in serious ramifications for many school districts. It appears that a good many first class city and borough school districts in the State will require huge increases from the local municipalities in order to just carry forward maintenance level budgets.

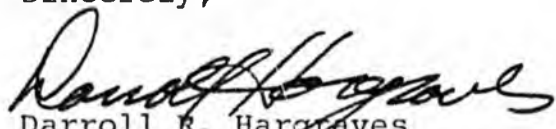
One of the things to remember is that a one (1%) percent cut or the withholding of a one percent amount from the State foundation program requires from three to five percentage point increase in the local contribution. It is ironic that at a time when the State has been attempting to return monies to municipalities through revenue sharing programs, that school districts would be short funded. The school district, by constitutional mandate, is a primary responsibility of the State. It would seem that full funding of the foundation formula would be the most logical and best way to provide revenue sharing to municipalities. There are many reasons for supporting full funding of the foundation formula. I suppose you will be hearing many of them as you continue with deliberations on public school funding for FY-84.

There isn't anyone I know of in the State who isn't saying there needs to be a study of the foundation formula. But on the other hand, to do away with the foundation formula does away with the one vehicle in State law which allows the State to track the monies paid to local school districts. The foundation formula has a weighting in it for special education services, vocational education, etc. The formula needs an overhaul. However, the best way to overhaul it might be to keep it in existence and work with the various components in it rather than to completely throw it out and try to create something new.

Some of the best school finance people in the State of Alaska would tell you that the need for a \$500,000 study is very questionable. I am sure that it would be a significant contract for consultants.

Your support of full funding of public schools in the State of Alaska for FY-84 would be a better position for you in meeting your obligations to lead the State in responding to its constitutional mandate to provide public school education for every student in Alaska.

Sincerely,


Darroll R. Hargraves
Superintendent of Schools

DRH:slh



GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GALENA, ALASKA 99741
PHONE (907) 656-1205

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Josephson,

April 15, 1983

Senator Joe Josephson
State Capitol
Pouch V
Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3100
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

We understand very well that State revenues are declining and the State's budget must also be reduced. It is also recognized that the school foundation funding status has never reflected the cost of basic education in most of the State and especially bush Alaska.

The Galena City School District, Board of Education has put a great deal of effort into the development of quality education for the students of Galena. Those efforts are beginning to pay off. For example, departmentalization of the 3-6 grades was instituted last August. We have a trained reading teacher, a math teacher and an English teacher teaching these subjects to each grade making it possible for students to learn more in a consistent way. We have a kindergarten program designed to strengthen student weaknesses like motor skills and perception.

The Board has been developing long range plans for staffing curriculum and facilities. Additionally, the Board has held two worksessions this year to develop goals for reaching and surpassing the national norms in reading, math and language arts.

The District has hired well trained staff with higher degrees and more teaching experience, which has brought better teachers to Galena and they have stayed longer. As an example, the District currently has four tenured teachers which is three more than three years ago. When the 1983-84 school year starts there will be nine tenured teachers, seven second year Galena teachers and three first year Galena teachers. The above is important because teacher continuity is one of the variables affecting quality education.

Senator Josephson this District cannot continue to develop and improve the quality of education without adequate funding, which includes retaining Junior high funding.

Since the District's FY-84 budget had to be completed prior to knowing the amount of State funding, it was necessary for the Board to set up a method for reducing its' budget to equal the current years funding.

The FY-84 budget, because of salary raises tied into teacher contracts, has been reduced in a number of areas directly related to student services. For example, teaching supplies have been cut from \$39,400 to \$6,700 and other instructional media from \$10,648 to \$1,500 to name a couple of areas. All areas have been either reduced or cut out completely according to the Board's 16 point reducing and cutting plan.

The Board for the last three years and will, as it now appears, fund reoccurring costs with non-reoccurring funds. Thus, without adequate funding the Board will be forced to jeopardize the improvements made and severely effect its ability to continue its' development toward quality and effective education for the students of Galena.

We would recommend to your support full funding of the current State statute (\$448,000,000) under the current foundation formula and that the foundation study be completed as quickly as possible and that the State Legislature enact statutes that are phased in rather than one day, it's this way and the next day the rules are new. This would make it possible for all districts to adjust to those new statutes.

We thank you for your time and interest in education.

Sincerely,


Harry C. Purdy,
Superintendent

HEP/elb



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MEMORANDUM

May 2, 1983

TO: Senator Bob Mulcahy
Capitol, Room 512/514

FROM: Senator Joe Josephson
Capitol, Room 508

I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed letter from Electa O'Rourke Strub, one of your constituents, and a copy of my response.

JPJ/tl

Enclosure



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May 4, 1983

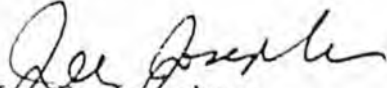
Dr. Electa O'Rourke Strub
Cold Bay School
Cold Bay, Alaska

Dear Dr. Strub:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of March 1, offering to provide facts concerning the expenditure of school funds for purposes other than instructional school materials.

I would welcome any insight or assistance that you can give as a teacher. We in the legislature want to provide fully adequate school foundation support, but we also are on the lookout for ways in which waste and fraud can be eliminated. Your recommendations or examples of misallocation of funds can be very helpful to us. Thank you for doing as you did.

Sincerely,


Joe P. Josephson
Senator

JPJ/tl



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May 4, 1983

Sidney Huntington
Secretary
Galena Board of Education
Galena, Alaska 99741

Dear Sidney:

Thanks for your letter of April 18, urging full funding of the foundation program.

The Committee on Health, Education and Social Services, which I chair, has endorsed full funding. But the realities in the legislature are that full funding will not be achievable in 1984. The Governor does not support full funding, and most legislators believe that school districts should utilize more local resources when they are available.

One of the steps I am taking is to try to assure the maximum funds for school construction under the debt service funding formula. We have included additional debt service retirement funds in Senate Bill 158, reported out of the HESS Committee and currently before the Senate Finance Committee. We are trying to include the total debt service amount allowable by statute for existing construction obligations.

Before final Senate Finance Committee action, I'll take another look at the junior high school issue which you raise. I want to be sure that the Senate acts equitably, while it begins to address abuses.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe P. Josephson".

Joe P. Josephson
Senator

JPJ/tl

cc: Harry E. Purdy, Superintendent
Galena City School District

GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

GALENA, ALASKA 99741
PHONE (907) 656-1205

SUPERINTENDENT'S
OFFICE



April 18, 1933

Senator Joe Josephson
State Capitol
Pouch V
(Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

I have served on the Galena School Board continually since January 1, 1964 this includes the days when BIA Schools were here in Galena.

This School Board has made an all out effort to improve the conditions in the last twenty years.

We were the first independent school district formed after Alaska became a state. The long term district goals were a better school facility with a cleaner and healthier environment for our students along with a higher quality education when students have graduated from high school. Thus, they are able to meet the standards set by any college which the student may desire to attend.

We here at Galena are asking you and ourselves - should we send our kids on to college only partly educated - only to drop out because of a lack or a failure on our part to get that extra that is really needed.

We have made good improvements already. The Board has authorized the departmentalization of the 3-6 grades which was implemented last August. There is a trained reading teacher, a math teacher and an English teacher teaching these subjects to each grade, 3-6 making it possible for students to learn more in a consistent way. We also have initiated a kindergarten program designed to strengthen students weakness.

We are developing long range plans for staffing, curriculum and facilities as well as developing three year goals for reaching and surpassing the national norms in reading, math and language arts.

We need more improvement for better quality education in order that our students can meet the future.

You of the Legislature, both the Senate and the House hold the key to our success, whether we achieve our goals or not. Money for education used right and applied correct and in proper form and attitude can and will be very rewarding to everyone.

Our students are our future resource, to let them down, lets Alaska down.


It's too bad some school districts use the money they get improperly and not always for education as it hurts the rest of the school districts all over the state of Alaska. Poor management hurts all.

We ask you to support full funding according to state statutes in the amount of \$448,000,000 and that the foundation study be completed and statutes as well as regulations be implemented as quickly as possible. That the Jr. High funding be left intact until the study is completed. Finally, the new funding statutes and regulations be phased in over a three or four year period, thus allowing districts to make adjustments.

It would be sad to think we would have to draw back on botter education because of not having enough funding.

Thank you fo: your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sidney Huntington".

Sidney Huntington, Secretary
Galena Board of Education

SH/elb

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PMS SEN JOE JOSEPHSON

JUNEAU AK **1383**

AS AN ALASKAN TEACHER I AM OPPOSED TO SB176. THE CHANGES
THIS BILL WOULD MAKE IN THE FOUNDATION FUNDING PROGRAM
WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT IN MANY PARTS OF ALASKA. I
URGE YOU TO RETAIN THE CURRENT FUNDING FORMULA AND TO FUND
THE PROGRAM FULLY.

SUSAN BAYER

SKAGWAY ALASKA

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AS AN ALASKAN CONCERNED ABOUT EDUCATION I AM OPPOSED TO
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FUND THE PROGRAM FULLY.

MARTHA MOORE

SKAGWAY, ALASKA

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CONNIE ERSKINE

SKAGWAY ALASKA

BOX NO. 53 3/7/83

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FR: CURT OSTREM, BOX 56642, N. POLE, 99705 PH. -----

MSG: FULLFILL YOUR OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD THE U.S. & STATE CONSTITUTION
AND FUND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM 100 PER CENT. THEREBY HAVING EQUAL TREATMENT
TO ALL ALASKANS, WHETHER THEY LIVE IN AN ORGANIZED MUNICIPALITY OR
UNORGANIZED BOROUGH. THANK YOU.

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Foundation Funding

MAR 08 1983

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FROM ANNIE IN FAIRBANKS TO JUNEAU INFO.
TARGET: LUHL SUBJ: FOM

TO: REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS AND SENATOR JOSEPHSON
REPRESENTATIVE M.W. MILLER

FROM DIANE MESSER, S.R. 50920, FAIRBANKS 99701 HOME 488-3890

RE: FOUNDATION FUNDING

THE FOUNDATION FORMULA SERVES AS THE LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH TO FUND OUR
SCHOOLS. TO MERELY FUND THE UNIT IS EFFECTIVELY A CUT AS IT DOES NOT
TAKE INFLATION INTO ACCOUNT. SOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO AMELIORATE THE CUT WILL BE VERY HARD PRESSED TO RUN
THE QUALITY SCHOOLS FOR WHICH ALASKA HAS BECOME WELL KNOWN.

FOM*****

FROM: KIRK ZINCK, 1600 WASHINGTON DRIVE N, FAIRBANKS 99701 HOME 479-5446
WORK 408-2271

I URGE SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF THE FOUNDATION FORMULA FOR EDUCATION. THIS IS PREFERABLE TO THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL.

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3/24/83, SHIRLEE AND CIO, 3091

TO: ALL MEMBERS, ALASKA LEGISLATURE

FROM: JAMES JEFFREY, SRA BOX 431J, ANCHORAGE 99507 345-1959

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MAR 24 1983

I AM ANXIOUS THAT YOU CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR FULL SCHOOL FOUNDATION FUNDING. THANK YOU.

Josephson,

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TARGET: LJHL SUBJ: POM

TO: REP. ADAMS, MM MILLER AND ~~SEN. JOSEPHSON~~

FROM: BETTY MARRIOTT
BOX 545
DOUGLAS, ALASKA 99824
364-3163

PLEASE SUPPORT FULL FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.

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PMS SENATOR JOE JOSEPHSON

JUNEAU AK

THE BEST EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE OUR TOP
PRIORITY. SUPPORT FULL FUNDING.

GAYLE NICHOLS

SR 80798A

FAIRBANKS AK 99701

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JUNEAU AK

KIDS PARENTS AND TEACHERS WANT FULL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION,
AND SOCIETY NEEDS IT.

LINDA PEARSON

PO BOX 81806

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EDUCATION AFFECTS MORE LIVES THEN ANY OTHER AREA OF GOVERNMENT

SPENDING. SUPPORT FULL FUNDING

MIRIAM PAQUIN

SR 40554

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JUNEAU AK

THE EFFECTIVE EDUCATION IS LIFE LONG. WE MUST PROVIDE THE
BEST. SUPPORT FULL FUNDING.

PAT JACOBS
529 KETCHIKAN AVE
FAIRBANKS AK 99701

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PMS SEN JOE JOSEPHSON

JUNEAU AK

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THE SKAGWAY TEACHERS ORGANIZATION URGES YOU TO OPPOSE SB176.
WE DO NOT FEEL THIS BILL OFFERS AN ACCEPTABLE OPTION FOR
FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION. WE SUPPORT RETAINING THE CURRENT
FOUNDATION FUNDING FORMULA. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS THE NEED
TO FUND THE PROGRAM FULLY. WE REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT.

BRUCE CURRIE, PRESIDENT

SKAGWAY TEACHERS ORGANIZATION

CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 808 • DOUGLAS, ALASKA 99824

April 7, 1983

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The Honorable Joe P. Josephson
Health, Education and Social Services
Room 508 Capitol
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

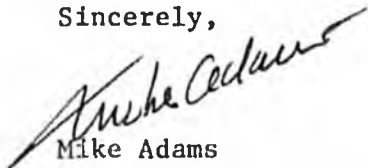
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Josephson,

Dear Senator Josephson:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution #18-82, pertaining to state funding of public education in Alaska, passed by the City and Borough of Juneau School District Board of Education on Tuesday, April 5, 1983. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Senate HESS Committee on the fiscal issues for FY 84.

Sincerely,



Mike Adams
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosure (1)



RESOLUTION # 18-82
Relative to
State Funding of Public Education in Alaska

WHEREAS, The Constitution for the State of Alaska designates the State as the entity responsible for providing a system of public education; and

WHEREAS, City and Borough School Districts in the State of Alaska have had no change for two years in the revenue limit set forth in statute as the Foundation Program for state support of public education; and

WHEREAS, The Juneau School District reduced and eliminated programs and services to balance the FY 83 budget; and

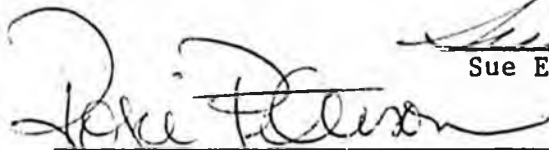
WHEREAS, The Juneau School District has increased its enrollment by 10% the past two years and is anticipating continuation of the same rate of pupil increase for the FY 84 year; and

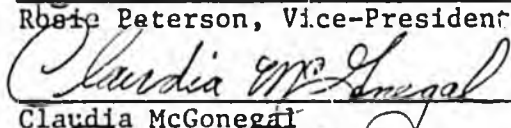
WHEREAS, Full funding of the Foundation Program would still require a substantial increase in local revenues to maintain the current level of educational programs and services for the youth of the Juneau District; and

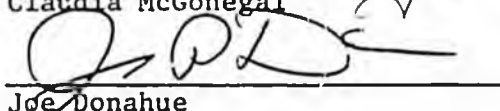
WHEREAS, The Board of Education and staff of the Juneau District are aware of the problems inherent in the current mechanism for funding public schools in Alaska and the need to change the mechanism to provide a more equal distribution of the resources available in support of public education statewide; and

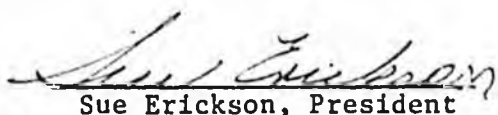
WHEREAS, The Board of Education and staff strongly urge the State Legislature to carefully analyze the impact of continued erosion of the State support of the Foundation Program will have on the Urban Districts throughout the state;

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the City and Borough of Juneau School District recommends the Legislature provide full funding of the Foundation Program until the formulas and processes for funding public education in Alaska are evaluated and modified as required.

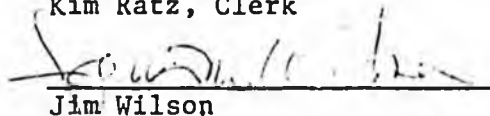

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Sue Erickson, President


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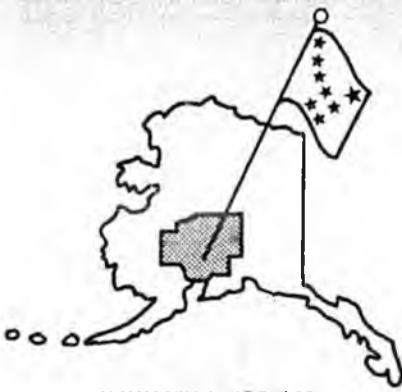

Jim Wilson


Ken McQuade

Foundation

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOX A13 • PALMER, ALASKA 99645 1646 • PHONE 745-4822



KENNETH J. KARRAS
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

March 24, 1983

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MAR 25 1983

Josephson,

Senator Joe P. Josephson
State Capitol Building
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Josephson:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the inequities in the current Foundation Program.

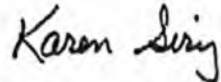
I would like to reiterate the significance of these inequities and their potential impact in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District. The proposed legislation pending in the House which established a funding level of \$415 million equates to .926510% of our entitlement under the present Foundation Program. In dollars, this means that our District will be short-funded \$1,654,647 for the 1983-84 school year.

It is very clear that the Governor and members of the Alaska State Legislature intend to shift a portion of the funding responsibility to boroughs, such as Mat-Su. I would agree that local boroughs should assume a greater portion of the responsibility. However, our District has had an increase in student enrollment of over 890 students this year. The District has added three (3) new facilities for the 1983-84 school year to accommodate a portion of our growth. In 1982-83 we requested \$6,907,249 dollars from our local borough. We have submitted our budget to the Borough Assembly for the 1983-84 school year, requesting \$9,710,293, which represents an increase in local support of 40.5%.

WE ARE ASKING OUR LOCAL TAXPAYERS TO INCREASE THEIR LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS BY NEARLY 40.5% AND REALISTICALLY WE CANNOT EXPECT THEM TO BEAR AN ADDITIONAL \$1,654,647 IN SHORT-FALL FUNDING BY THE STATE.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU PROVIDE SOME METHOD TO FUND SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ARE EXPERIENCING TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND HAVE ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE START-UP COSTS OF NEW FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THIS GROWTH, SUCH AS MAT-SU. Our School Board and Borough Assembly have judiciously scrutinized the use of monies dedicated to the operation and maintenance of schools in our borough. We should not be penalized because inequities exist in the present Foundation Program (area differential) that allows other districts to accumulate large fund balances which ultimately result in the mismanagement of State monies for education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Siry".

Karen Siry
School Board President

KS:GCT:pr

Box 115
Yakutat, Alaska 99689
March 21, 1983

Senator Joe Josephson
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

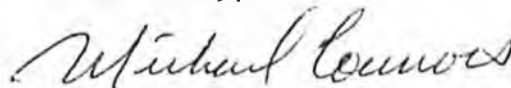
Dear Senator Josephson:

I have very grave concerns about the Bill that is currently in the Senate 251 that would change the way that schools are funded for next year. I have just learned that I will not have a job next year because the money we are receiving right now to run our schools is inadequate to support the present staff. As I understand it right now, we are receiving 97% of money that we would have received had there been full funding. This new Bill would effectively reduce that amount to 92% or about \$65,000 less than we are receiving right now. With things being the way they are here, that would probably mean more teachers' jobs.

The other problem with the Bill, as if there aren't problems enough, is that it is extremely inequitable. Some districts, such as Haines, would receive more money next year than they are receiving right now (Haines would get 105% of their full-funded amount while schools like Yakutat and Craig would be down to 92%). Surely you can see the inequity in this. The foundation program does have its inequities and Yakutat certainly suffers from those inequities, but scrapping the entire program does not solve these problems. Corrections should be made to the existing program and forward funding should be implemented to end this ludicrous guessing game that has been going on.

I urge that you work actively to defeat this Bill.

Sincerely,



Michael Connors

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PMS SENATOR JOE JOSEPHSON

JUNEAU AK

TEACHERS, KIDS, PARENTS NEED FULL FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AN
EQUITABLE BARGAINING LAW FOR TEACHERS.

LEONARD COURSEY

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FAIRBANKS AK 99708

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APR 12 1983

Josephson,

3.25.83

Honorable Joe Josephson
Alaska State Senate
Pouch 1
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Josephson,

I am writing to request that you fully fund the foundation program for school districts statewide. The education of our children is of utmost importance as they are the future leaders of our state and country. Cuts in this program will directly affect the quality of the education of my two sons.

I would also request that the legislature return to the system of "forward funding" so that districts can once again plan their budgets in advance.

Thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely,
Diana McKinnon
509 W. 10th
Juneau, Alaska 99801

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA SENATE
ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FROM: CHERI DAVIS, KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
POUCH Z, KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901
PHONE 225-6304 (HOME) 225-6161 (WORK)

MAR 29 1983

FOUNDATION FORMULA

Josephson.

THE KETCHIKAN SCHOOL BOARD HAS GONE ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING
THE FOUNDATION FORMULA AND FUNDING EDUCATION AT THE FULL AMOUNT OF
\$148,000,000 TO SUPPORT THE FORMULA.

DM/JF

Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Al Adams

Chairman

Committee on Finance



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June 14, 1983

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(907) 274-0615

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Ward
✓ Representative Tischer
Representative Larson
Members, Conference Committee on HB 251

FROM: Al Adams, Chair *AAA*
House Finance Committee

SUBJ: HB 251

I request that you consider the following revisions to HB 251, relating to state support for education, in your conference committee deliberations. I believe that these changes are necessary to provide for truly strict controls on the school construction debt program. The changes are listed in order of priority.

Suggested Revisions

1. P. 1, lines 14-16: Delete ", and authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality". Add the language ", and" in front of "before July 1, 1983,".

The section would then read: "(A) payments made by the municipality during the current fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after December 31, 1981, and before July 1, 1983, to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11); and ".

The purpose of this change is to insure that municipal school districts do not rush for voter approval of bonded projects before July 1, 1983, but do not actually go to the bond market until later. The state would be obligated to pay "up to 90%" of these bond payments, when the legislature's intent is to only pick up 50% of future bond payments. It is my understanding

that both Ketchikan and Fairbanks will be selling their new bond issues before June 30, and thus would not be adversely affected by this amendment.

2. P. 1, line 28: Between "year" and "for" add the phrase "two years earlier". The section would then read: "(A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality after June 30, 1983 . . .".

My research on this subject has brought out the fact that reimbursing debt in the same year that it is incurred encourages the municipality to bond for school projects because they do not have to find a local source of funding (such as increased taxes) to pay those first two years of payments. This is less important when the state is only reimbursing 50% than it would be if the state continues to reimburse at 90%. However, I still feel that it would be a further layer of control to place on municipal school districts that is in order.

3. Add language to the bill to cap the amount that the legislature may appropriate annually for retirement of school construction debt. If a \$10 million cap is deemed appropriate; for example, the language could read: "No more than \$10,000,000 may be appropriated to retire school construction and rehabilitation debt in a single fiscal year." Capping the amount the statute authorizes to be appropriated each year would be a clear signal to communities that the legislature does not intend the program to continue to expand dramatically in the future. Of course, no legislature can bind a future one, so the actual amount of the annual appropriation would be determined in the annual budget process. However, such capping authorization is allowable, and from my point of view, desirable.

Procedural Note

In order to make any of the above changes, it would be necessary to request limited powers of conference committee since none of this language presently exists in either body's version of the bill.

If the Senate is not amenable to any of these amendments, it would be necessary to form a free conference committee in order to include them in the bill.

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Thank you for your consideration of my views as you
deliberate on this important matter.

Sectional Analysis of Proposed Conference Committee
Substitute for House Bill 251

Section 1 provides for payment of up to 90% for:

(A) current year bond repayments made by a municipality on indebtedness incurred after December 31, 1981, and authorized before July 1, 1983; and

(B) cash repayments made by a municipality after June 30, 1982, and before July 1, 1983, during the fiscal year two years earlier (the two-year period is a result of the delay in the Department of Education receiving audits.

Section 2 provides for payment of up to 50% for:

(A) bond repayments made by a municipality on indebtedness incurred after June 30, 1983; and

(B) cash repayments made by a municipality after June 30, 1983, during the fiscal year two years earlier.

This provision is intended to discourage bonding for non-essential projects.

Section 3 provides that the state may not allocate money to a municipality for a school construction project that has not been approved by the Commissioner of Education.

In approving the project, the commissioner shall require full information on the bonding issue approved by the voters; no call-back options; a minimum pay-back period of fifteen years; and a demonstration of need.

Section 4 states the findings of the legislature and the legislature's intent to provide an alternative mechanism for public funding of schools in Alaska.

Section 5 creates the Foundation Funding Policy Council, composed of the respective chairpersons of the House HESS Committee and the Senate HESS Committee, and five additional members to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate -- the executive director of the Alaska School Board Association, an education analyst from the Office of Budget and Management, a fiscal analyst from the Department of Education, the president of the State Board of Education, and the executive director of the Alaska Council of School

Administrators.

Section 6 requires the Foundation Funding Policy Council to make a final report to the governor and to the legislature before February 1, 1984.

Section 7 suspends from July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984, the operation of pertinent statutes affecting the current foundation funding formula; retains the Hold-Harmless Clause of AS 14.17.031(d) -- i.e. if the ADM decreases by 10% during the period of suspension, the previous year's ADM figures are used for calculating instructional units (in order to provide for drastic declines in school enrollments due to economic reasons). This section specifically suspends the following statutes:

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| AS 14.17.021 (a) | Basic state aid formula (Instructional unit x Unit allotment) |
| AS 14.17.022 | Funds for Centralized Correspondance Study |
| AS 14.17.023 | Supplemental Equalization Aid (Adjusts the allotments with respect to local tax contributions with the Department of Community and Regional Affairs determining the amount). |
| AS 14.17.031 (a), (b), (c), and (e) | Instructional units (IU's) - Total number of IU's within each school district in regard to various types of schools and program components. |
| AS 14.17.041 | Tables of allowable instructional units |
| AS 14.17.051 | Instructional Unit Allotment - dollar amount provided for each Instructional Unit |
| AS 14.17.056 | Definition of Base Instructional Unit Value (\$42,450) |
| AS 14.17.082 | Fund balance changes in school operating fund; audited by Legislative Budget and Audit by April 15 of each year |
| AS 14.17.160 | Allocation of funds on preliminary computation |
| AS 14.17.180 | Payment under final computation |
| AS 14.17.225 (b) | Proration of funds proscribed by AS 14.17.010 |

Section 8 sets the dollar amount per ADM for each school district and for centralized correspondance study. These figures are based on 97.23% of full entitlement as exists presently for funds provided in FY 83 plus

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the supplemental appropriation of HB 73. Subject to adjustment under AS 14.17.021 (b), REAA's do not reflect reduction for PL 874 funds; those deductions will be made pursuant to Section 5.

Section 9 states the determination of state aid based on reports submitted under AS 14.17.170 (payment under adjusted computations). Payment distribution is set to replace AS 14.17.160.

Section 10 states the funds necessary for increased enrollments based on last quarter count (November 1983) will be placed into the supplemental program account and distributed per ADM's in Section 5. Available funds will be distributed on a prorata basis among school districts with increases in average daily membership.

Section 11 states that the continuation level will be maintained for certain programs -- bilingual, special education, and vocation education programs.

Section 12 sets a July 1, 1983, effective date.

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IN THE HOUSE

BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state support for education; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 43.18.100(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) subject to (h) and (i) of this section up to 90 percent of

(A) payments made by the municipality during the current fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness incurred after December 31, 1981, and authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality before July 1, 1983, except where the growth rate during school year 82-3 was at least 12% and authorization by the qualified voters of the municipality occurs before

Mat-Su 1983 and cost of school construction does not exceed \$²⁰36,000,000; to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11);

Mat-Su (B) cash payments made after June 30, 1982, and before July 1, 1983, except where the growth rate during school year 82-3 was at least 12% before September 30, 1983 and cost of school construction does not exceed \$^{20,000,000}36,000,000; by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS

14.07.020(11).

* Sec. 2. AS 43.18.100(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) subject to (h) and (i) of this section, 50 percent of

(A) payments made by the municipality during the fiscal year for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness authorized by the qualified voters of the municipality after June 30, 1983 to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11); and

(B) cash payments made after June 30, 1983 by the municipality during the fiscal year two years earlier to pay costs of school construction, additions to schools, and major rehabilitation projects that exceed \$25,000 and are approved under AS 14.07.020(11).

* Sec. 3. AS 43.18.100 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(j) The state may not allocate money to a municipality for a school construction project under (a)(5) of this section unless the project is approved by the commissioner before the local vote on the bond issue for the project. In approving a project under this subsection, the commissioner shall require

(1) the municipality to include on the ballot for the bond issue the total cost of each project and the amounts that will be paid by the state and by the municipality;

(2) that the bonds may not be redeemed before expiration and must be repaid in equal payments over a period of at least 15 years;

(3) the municipality to demonstrate the need for the project by factors such as increased enrollment in the school district,

the health and safety of the students, and the factors listed in AS 14.11.010(c).

* Sec. 4. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that the present system of providing assistance to school systems should be studied for modification and improvement. The legislature further finds that during the period of study an alternative mechanism to the existing foundation support system is desirable.

* Sec. 5. The operation of AS 14.17.021(a), 14.17.022, 14.17.023, 14.17.031(a), (b), (c), and (e), 14.17.041, 14.17.051, 14.17.056, 14.17.082, 14.17.160, 14.17.180, and the provision of 14.17.170 that requires the withholding of one-half of the June payment of state aid pending a final determination of each school district's state aid is suspended from July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984. During the period of suspension, the provisions of AS 14.17.031(d) remain in effect except that the number of students in average daily membership in each school district shall all be used instead of instructional units to calculate reductions in state aid. During the period of suspension, funding for the basic state aid and supplemental equalization aid that otherwise would have been provided under the provisions of AS 14.17.021(a), 14.17.022, and 14.17.023 shall be provided to school districts and for centralized correspondence study in the manner and amounts provided by sec. 6 of this Act.

* Sec. 6. For fiscal year 1984 the amount of state aid for each school district and for centralized correspondence study is the following amount, subject to adjustment under AS 14.17.021(b), for each pupil in average daily membership less any aid overpaid as determined by the commissioner of education:

Anchorage School District	\$ 3,310
Bristol Bay Borough School District	9,732
Cordova City School District	5,029

Craig City School District	6,734
Dillingham City School District	8,673
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District	3,688
Galena City School District	9,995
Haines Borough School District	6,345
Hoonah City School District	6,224
Hydaburg City School District	9,163
City and Borough of Juneau School District	3,622
Kake City School District	7,109
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District	3,900
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District	3,399
King Cove City School District	9,376
Klawock City School District	7,417
Kodiak Island School District	5,488
Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District	3,504
Nenana City School District	10,507
Nome City School District	7,165
North Slope Borough School District	9,202
Pelican City School District	12,438
Petersburg City School District	4,049
Sand Point City School District	8,283
Sitka Borough School District	3,711
Skagway City School District	5,379
St. Mary's City School District	14,946
Tanana School District	13,361
Unalaska City School District	8,210
Valdez City School District	4,786
Wrangell City School District	4,726
Yakutat City School District	7,749

Adak Regional School District	6,643
Alaska Gateway School District	8,639
Aleutian Chain School District	16,674
Annette Island School District	6,572
Bering Straits School District	12,197
Chatham School District	8,682
Chugach School District	11,758
Copper River School District	7,178
Delta School District	5,915
Iditarod Area School District	14,972
Kuspuk School District	16,376
Lake and Peninsula School District	15,476
Lower Kuskokwim School District	11,033
Lower Yukon School District	9,864
Northwest Arctic School District	10,387
Pribilof Islands School District	11,475
Upper Railbelt Regional School District	9,551
Southeast Island School District	9,665
Southwest Regional School District	13,305
Yukon Flats School District	15,498
Yukon Koyukuk School District	13,191
Central Correspondence	2,580

* Sec. 7. The Commissioner shall determine the state aid for each school district on the basis of the reports submitted under AS 14.17.170 for fiscal year 1983. Beginning July 15 of the fiscal year, and on the 15th of each month, for seven successive months, 1/12th of each district's state aid shall be distributed.

* Sec. 8. During the period of suspension under sec. 5 of this Act, a school district shall continue to provide service to students in programs

of bilingual, special, and vocational education commensurate with the needs of the students and in strict accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

* Sec. 9. Sections 1 - 3 of this Act take effect July 1, 1983.

* Sec. 10. Sections 4 - 8 of this Act take effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).

* Sec. 11. Sections 4 - 8 of this Act are repealed on June 30, 1984.

*Reinsert old section 10 w/o the
supplemental account.*