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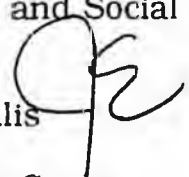
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REPRESENTATIVE JOHNNY ELLIS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Health, Education and Social Services
Committee Members

FROM: Representative Johnny Ellis 

SUBJECT: House Bill 512--Education Goals

DATE: May 4, 1992

Thank you for your consideration of House Bill 512, "An act establishing goals for public education and student performance." House Bill 512 establishes a statewide vision of what students should be able to achieve from their education.

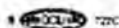
House Bill 512 passed the House last week without opposition.

THE PROPOSED GOALS

The major points covered by these proposed Alaska Education Goals include:

- the widely accepted belief that **all students** can learn and that an education should provide a working knowledge of science, language arts, social studies, math, physical education & health, and the fine arts.
- eight goals that further articulate that students graduating from school will be able to:
 - think logically and critically
 - accept personal responsibility for sustaining oneself economically
 - communicate effectively
 - discover and nurture creative talents
 - have positive self-esteem
 - master technological skills
 - be committed to health and fitness
 - be a responsible citizen

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- the Alaska State Board of Education adopted these standards for student performance in November of 1990 after three years of discussion, debate and research.
- the Alaska's Youth Ready for Work project also identified critical skills, values and attitudes important to the workplace.

The Department of Education's Alaska 2000 Project's Student Outcomes Assessment Committee has adopted the identical primary goals that the former Board of Education proposed. These goals have been incorporated into this legislation.

THE CURRENT EDUCATION POLICY

"It is the policy of this state that the purpose of education is to help ensure that all students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them."
(AS 14.03.015)

We need to have a sharpened academic mission and establish clear and specific goals that define what is expected of our students at the time of their graduation from the public school system.

When President Bush called the nation's governors to an education summit, they set in motion the effort to establish outcomes for student performance. The trend across the country is for states to establish the very clear goals they expect public schools to achieve.

Since millions of dollars are spent on public education around the state, we need to have a clear message sent to the school districts about the education outcomes we expect them to achieve. Local school boards retain all of their current authority under this legislation.

Our future as Alaskans will depend on the quality of our education, the level of our skills and the productivity of our citizens. We can aid in this effort by establishing education goals *now*.

Thank you for your consideration.

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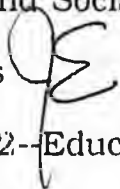
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chair
Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee

FROM: Representative Johnny Ellis 

SUBJECT: Scheduling of House Bill 512--Education Goals

DATE: April 28, 1992

I am writing to respectfully request your consideration of H. B. 512 in the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee at your earliest convenience. House Bill 512 establishes a statewide vision of what students should be able to achieve from their education.

House Bill 512 passed the House today without opposition.

The bill's language incorporates recommendations from two groups:

- the Alaska State Board of Education adopted these standards for student performance in November of 1990 after three years of discussion, debate and research.
- the Alaska's Youth Ready for Work project also identified critical skills, values and attitudes important to the workplace.

The Department of Education's Alaska 2000 student outcomes assessment committee started their process with the former Board of Education's list of goals which have been incorporated in this legislation. They have adopted these same eight goals, so HB 512 is in sync with the work of Alaska 2000.

Since millions of dollars are spent on public education in Alaska, we need to have a clear message sent to the school districts about the education outcomes we expect them to achieve. Local school boards retain all of their current authority under this legislation.

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OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

TO: CSHB 512(HES) am

Page 2, line 10:

Delete "have"

Insert "demonstrate"

Page 2, line 12:

Delete "have"

Insert "demonstrate"

Page 2, line 13:

Before "process"

Insert "access,"

After "process"

Insert ", "

Page 2, after line 14:

Insert a new subparagraph to read:

"(I) read, understand, and apply written information faced in daily life;"

Page 3, after line 4:

Insert a new subparagraph to read:

"(F) demonstrate understanding and openness in group settings;"

Page 3, line 15, after "confident":

Insert ", assertive,"

Page 3, line 16:

Delete "recognize and appreciate"

Insert "demonstrate an appreciation for one's own"

Page 3, line 18, after "cooperation,":

Insert "mutual understanding,"

Page 3, line 19, after "master":

Insert "essential vocational"

Page 3, lines 26 - 27:

Delete all material and insert:

"(E) understand the overall purpose of equipment and the proper procedures for setup and operation;"

Page 4, line 14:

Delete all material and insert:

"(G) know effective parenting skills to nurture healthy growth and development in others;"

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELLIS, Ulmer, Brown, B.Davis, Bruckman, Koponen, Davidson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing goals for public education and student performance."

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

3 * Section 1. PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this Act to establish goals for public education in the
4 state. It is not the purpose of this Act to recommend a specific curriculum or to diminish the right of
5 each school district to establish a curriculum in that school district.

6 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03.015 is repealed and reenacted to read:

7 Sec. 14.03.015. MISSION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. The mission of the public
8 school system is to help ensure that all students succeed in their education and wrck, shape
9 worthwhile and satisfying lives, exemplify the best values of society and their respective cultures,
10 and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them. It is the joint
11 responsibility of students, parents, schools, and the community to achieve the mission described
12 in this section.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 Sec. 14.03.017. GOALS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE. The public school system

1 shall be operated with the recognition that all students can learn. The goal of the system is to
2 develop successful students. A successful student will graduate and the process of learning
3 should include the following:

4 (1) a working knowledge of science, language arts, social studies, mathematics,
5 physical education and health, and fine arts;

6 (2) the ability to think logically and critically including the ability to

7 (A) think clearly about new information and ideas;

8 (B) solve problems through different ways of questioning and analysis;

9 (C) be open to new ideas and be curious about the world and self;

10 (D) demonstrate skills needed to make good decisions;

11 (E) understand and use mathematical and scientific ideas;

12 (F) demonstrate good study skills and habits;

13 (G) access, process, and integrate information;

14 (H) evaluate and improve ideas through discussions with other people;

15 (3) an acceptance of personal responsibility for sustaining a person economically
16 including the critical skills, competencies, values, and attitudes to be successful in work, whether
17 of a cash or subsistence nature, including the ability to

18 (A) be confident, able, and prepared for opportunities in the local, national,
19 and international workplace;

20 (B) understand the value of and necessity for lifelong learning, including
21 the ability to teach oneself new skills to adjust to a changing workplace;

22 (C) show initiative, dependability, punctuality, and to strive for accuracy
23 and efficiency on the job;

24 (D) willingly accept advice, supervision, and criticism and to be a good
25 team member in the workplace;

26 (E) be safety conscious;

27 (F) be a critical consumer with skills for making informed choices;

28 (G) recognize how success in school relates to a person's future;

29 (4) the ability to communicate effectively including the ability to

30 (A) talk about feelings, ideas, and concepts with clarity;

31 (B) be a good listener;

- 1 (C) read, understand, and respond to written information faced in daily
 2 life;
- 3 (D) appreciate the value of reading as a lifelong activity;
- 4 (E) write well for a variety of purposes and audiences;
- 5 (F) demonstrate understanding and openness in group settings;
- 6 (5) the ability to discover and nurture creative talents including the ability to
- 7 (A) appreciate the world around us;
- 8 (B) take part in activities that cut across fields of study;
- 9 (C) understand our world and its past, present, and future and be able to
- 10 express this understanding in a variety of ways and with different media;
- 11 (D) respect and encourage the creative talents of individuals and groups;
- 12 (E) demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to express ideas in
- 13 literature, visual arts, music, dance, and drama;
- 14 (6) knowledge of how to develop positive self-esteem including the ability to
- 15 (A) know how to set and achieve personal goals;
- 16 (B) be confident, assertive, and flexible;
- 17 (C) demonstrate an appreciation for one's own talents and strengths;
- 18 (D) form satisfying relationships with others based on respect, trust,
- 19 cooperation, mutual understanding, and appreciation of cultural differences;
- 20 (7) the ability to master essential vocational and technological skills including the
- 21 ability to
- 22 (A) communicate and compete in the global market with computers, video,
- 23 audio, and other technologies;
- 24 (B) use up-to-date technology to gather, analyze, organize, and evaluate
- 25 information and opinions and apply that technology to solve problems;
- 26 (C) critically evaluate information presented in the mass media;
- 27 (D) use computers to process and organize information;
- 28 (E) evaluate and apply technology and analyze its effect on society and
- 29 the environment;
- 30 *New* (F) be knowledgeable about and work effectively with social,
- 31 organizational, and technological systems;

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- (G) distinguish trends and predict effects on the operation of systems;
- (H) prevent, identify, and solve or correct problems and malfunctions in systems and in equipment used in technological systems and suggest modifications to systems to improve performance;
- (I) select procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technological resources;
- (J) understand the overall purpose of equipment and the proper procedures for setup and operation;
- (8) the ability to understand the values of health and fitness including the ability
- to
- (A) understand the skills and apply the knowledge needed to promote physical and mental health;
- (B) respond constructively to life's social, environmental, and physical changes;
- (9) knowledge of the values of responsible citizenship including the ability to
- (A) understand and participate in the democratic process;
- (B) achieve the values, knowledge, and ethical behaviors needed to participate in a democratic society;
- (C) learn to recognize and appreciate the contribution of peoples from other countries and cultures;
- (D) be aware of and appreciate languages other than English;
- (E) achieve skills in leadership, cooperation, communication, and social responsibility;
- (F) understand one's relationship to the environment and be committed to the wise use of resources;
- (G) know effective parenting skills to nurture healthy growth and development in others;
- (H) understand the past.

State Board okays statewide educational outcomes

The State Board of Education on October 12, 1990, adopted eight major outcomes for public education in Alaska. The adoption of the outcomes is a major stepping stone towards developing an education system that shares its responsibilities among schools, parents, businesses and the local community, and makes sure that everyone is working to provide students the skills, knowledge and attitudes they will need for a successful life.

The unanimous board action on the outcomes follows several years of development and the involvement of numerous groups and individuals. The board has held meetings with many education groups, state and local parent organizations, employers and others. Last spring the board mailed a brochure to 15,000 leaders of school businesses, parent and other organizations throughout the state. Five months later, return mailers are still trickling into the Department of Education.

In adopting the outcomes, the board called on local school boards and district officials to join in partnership with parents and others in their communities to develop local outcomes based on the statewide outcomes and to devise ways of measuring whether the outcomes are being met.

The board calls the outcomes "state standards for student performance."

Adopted October 12, 1990

State Outcomes for Public Education

The State Board of Education believes that public education is the responsibility of everyone — students, parents, schools, and communities. The Outcomes for Public Education are the state standards for student performance.

The State Board of Education believes all students can learn; that a student's public education should provide a working knowledge of science, language arts, social studies, mathematics, physical education/health, and the fine arts; and that each student graduating from a public school will:

Have positive self-esteem

1. Know how to set and achieve personal goals.
2. Be confident and flexible.
3. Recognize and appreciate personal talents and strengths.
4. Form satisfying relationships with others based on respect, trust, cooperation, and compassion.

Communicate effectively

1. Talk about feelings, ideas, and concepts with clarity.
2. Be a good listener.
3. Read, understand and respond to written information faced in daily life.
4. Appreciate the value of reading as a lifelong activity.
5. Write well for a variety of purposes and audiences.

Think logically and critically

1. Think clearly about new information and ideas.
2. Solve problems through different ways of questioning and analysis.
3. Be open to new ideas and be curious about the world and self.
4. Have the skills needed to make good decisions.
5. Understand and use mathematical and scientific ideas.
6. Have good study skills and habits.
7. Process and integrate information.
8. Evaluate and improve ideas through discussions with other people.

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Discover and nurture creative talents

1. Appreciate the world around us.
2. Take part in activities that cut across fields of study.
3. Understand our world and its past, present, and future. Be able to express this understanding in a variety of ways and with different media.
4. Respect and encourage the creative talents of individuals and groups.
5. Demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to express ideas in literature, visual arts, music, dance, and drama.

Master technological skills

1. Communicate in the global society with computers, video, audio, and other technologies.
2. Use technology to gather, analyze, and evaluate information and opinions.
3. Critically evaluate information presented in the mass media.
4. Use computers to process and organize information.
5. Evaluate the uses of technology and its impact on society and the environment.

Be a responsible citizen

1. Understand and participate in the democratic process.
2. Possess the values, knowledge, and ethical behaviors needed to participate in a democratic society.
3. Have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to be a citizen of the world who accepts and respects differences in peoples and cultures.

Be a responsible citizen

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4. Be aware of and appreciate languages other than English.
5. Possess skills in leadership, cooperation, communication, and social responsibility.
6. Understand one's relationship to the environment and be committed to the wise use of resources.
7. Know parenting skills.
8. Understand the past.

Be committed to health and fitness

1. Understand the skills and apply the knowledge needed to promote physical and mental health.
2. Respond positively to life's social, environmental, and physical changes.

Accept personal responsibility for sustaining oneself economically

1. Be prepared for opportunities in the local, national, and international work place.
2. Understand the value of, and necessity for, life-long learning.
3. Possess the skills, values, and work habits necessary for employment.
4. Be a critical consumer with skills for making informed choices.
5. Recognize how doing well in school relates to one's future.

*This information is incorporated in
HB 512.5 Section 2, subsection 3.*



Alaska's Youth: **READY FOR WORK?**

Success in work requires:

CRITICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Reading

Able to comprehend written material and take appropriate action.

Speaking

Can express ideas clearly and concisely to individuals and in groups; has good customer communication skills; gives clear directions.

Writing

Spells correctly and writes legibly; can express ideas clearly and concisely, write a business letter, and fill out forms properly.

Listening

Able to comprehend what is said and take appropriate action.

Math computation

Able to apply basic skills with accuracy in addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and use of fractions and percentages as needed to solve problems and accomplish work.

Problem solving

Can identify source of problem; demonstrates good common sense; is creative and innovative.

Information management and use of technology

Able to use computers to access information; familiar with common applications of technology in the workplace.

Knowing how to learn

Able to teach oneself new skills; able to seek and use new information appropriately.

Applying what is learned

Possesses various skills including the more complex kinds of thinking, such as reasoning, analysis, and problem solving; able to apply principles of business.

Working with others

Able to work as a productive team member; able to share information.

Good manners

Shows courtesy and respect towards others.

Looking for work

Able and confident to identify job opportunities, complete a job application, prepare a resume, and promote himself/herself during an interview.

CRITICAL VALUES (THE "WORK ETHIC")

Honesty and integrity

Bases actions on a personally held set of values; can be trusted to follow the rules even when supervisors are not present; keeps his/her word.

Willing to accept advice, supervision, criticism

Has high self-esteem and does what is asked; accepts criticism and uses it to improve job performance.

Dependability/follows through on assignments

Will do what is asked; if can't complete the task, will let someone know so that there are no surprises about work not being done.

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Good attendance/on-time

Can be depended upon to be at work except for very good reasons, such as illness or death in the family; is at his/her work station ready to begin work on time.

Accuracy of work/no waste

Is careful and avoids mistakes; if mistakes are made, will correct the errors; takes pride in work well done; holds high standards; will report any deviation from company standard.

Productive/ adequate output of work

Shows initiative; is ambitious; figures out how to get the job done; works as efficiently as possible to get the job done.

These critical skills, values, and attitudes were identified by the CEOs, personnel directors, and other employer representatives and revised by RFW after a state-wide review by educators, parents, students, and other community members.

CRITICAL ATTITUDES

Responsible/self-disciplined

Is a self-starter; is committed to and accountable for work assigned; does not just do the bare minimum to get the job done; is loyal to the employer.

Willing to learn/pride in doing a good job

Is flexible, willing, and able to respond to change in work assignments or learn new technology and new ways of doing things; is willing to do the job over until he/she gets it done right.

Safety-conscious

Always thinks about safety in every aspect of the job; takes responsibility for his/her own actions and notices and corrects unsafe situations in the workplace; does not always have to be told to use safe procedures; concerned for the safety of others.

Manages on the job stress and personal problems well

Deals with job pressures in a positive way; does not let personal problems interfere with getting the work done, either by being distracted at work or by failing to come to work or come on time.

Positive outlook

Views the good in situations and works constructively to solve problems; has a positive self-image; is self-confident; sets personal goals.

Follows rules

Performs tasks in the prescribed manner; doesn't break rules but will work to change rules if they should be changed.

Good team member

Willing to share information, work and credit (praise) with other workers; puts the good of the organization above personal interests.

Respects others

Has good manners; shows common courtesy; appreciates multicultural diversity.

Able to postpone gratification

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Ready for Work endorses the multiple goals of public schools as stated in State Statute, but focuses on the goal of education employers know best: what it takes to succeed in work.

Educators and students appear to undervalue the importance of preparing students to succeed in work or act as though it applies only to non-college bound students. RFW believes all students should have the critical skills, values, and attitudes necessary for success in work and that acquiring these skills, values and attitudes will also help students succeed in all aspects of life and be better citizens.



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National Federation of
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POSITION PAPER

OF

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS
(NFIB/ALASKA)**

TO

HOUSE HEALTH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MARCH 27, 1992

ON

HB 512 - ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL GOALS

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The Guardian of
Small Business

CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MY NAME IS REBA JERREL, AND I AM THE STATE DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS - NFIB/ALASKA. I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT HB 512.

NFIB/ALASKA IS COMPRISED OF 5,292 SMALL AND INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OWNERS. THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF NFIB/ALASKA IS DETERMINED BY OUR BALLOT. THE BALLOT IS OUR ANNUAL POLL OF OUR MEMBERS ON A SERIES OF ISSUES DEEMED CRITICAL TO SMALL BUSINESS. A MAJORITY VOTE, OF THE MEMBERS IN RESPONSE TO THE POLL, SETS OUR POLICY AND POSITION ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. WE THEN SHARE THE RESULTS OF OUR POLL WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND ADMINISTRATION.

ON THE 1992 STATE BALLOT WE ASKED OUR MEMBERS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON WORKPLACE LITERACY:

Have you had difficulty finding employees with the skills necessary to fill a position within your firm?

65% Yes 31% No 4% No Opinion

Should legislation be enacted requiring the inclusion of basic workplace curriculum in the state's definition of "basic education"?

72% Yes 28% No 0% Undecided

On average, how much time do you estimate that you spend in training a "new" employee?

4% One day or less
19% One week or less
33% 2 to 4 weeks
44% More than 4 weeks

What kinds of training do you most often have to provide for new employees?

6% Basic reading and writing skills
11% Basic mathematics
45% Office procedures
28% Basic behavior standards
31% Punctuality
37% Accountability
45% Responsibility taking

25% Dress code
13% None of the above.

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE INVESTORS IN AND CONSUMERS OF THE ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THEY PAY TWICE, THROUGH BOTH PERSONAL PROPERTY AND BUSINESS TAXES, IN ORDER TO HELP FINANCE THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. ALSO, AS SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, THEY TYPICALLY PROVIDE THAT ALL IMPORTANT FIRST JOB FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND GRADUATES.

WITH THIS DUAL ROLE AS BOTH INVESTOR AND CONSUMER, SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ARE IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO ASSESS HOW WELL THE SCHOOLS IN ALASKA ARE DOING IN TERMS OF PRODUCING A GOOD "PRODUCT" - GRADUATES WHO HAVE THE CORE COMPETENCIES NEEDED TO EMBARK ON A SUCCESSFUL CAREER, AND AT A REASONABLE PRICE.

I AM HAPPY TO NOTE THAT PAGE 2, SECTION (3) IS DEVOTED TO OUTLINING THE CRITICAL SKILLS, COMPETENCIES, VALUES AND ATTITUDES NECESSARY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE WORKPLACE.

SINCE IT IS GETTING LATE IN SESSION AND THIS IS THE ONLY COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL, I WOULD URGE YOU TO MOVE THE BILL OUT OF COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NFIB/ALASKA THANKS YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IN FAVOR OF THIS LEGISLATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRY AND ANSWER THEM.



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Rep. Johnny Ellis
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Dear Johnny:

NEA-Alaska urges your support for the Committee Substitute for House Bill 512 (HES); *"An Act establishing goals for public education and student performance."*

The mission and goals were developed through thoughtful discussions between members of the legislature, the Alaska State School Board, the PTA, School Administrators, NEA-Alaska and other members of the public.

The mission and goals are lofty. However, we would say: "If our reach does not exceed our grasp what else are the heavens for?"

We may only achieve our potential if we know what we aspire to achieve. It is the role of government to establish the mission and goals for our public schools and HB 512 is a positive statement toward that end.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Oberg

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