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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
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FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula

SUBJ: SB 316--
Education

DATE: January 16,
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I would appreciate your consideration of Senate Bill 316 which will fund the state's K-12 school costs for Fiscal Year 1993. There are ten programs funded within this bill which are briefly described below.

1. Foundation--funds K-12 schools at \$62,000 an instructional unit allowing for 100% of student population growth. In the event that SB 7, which increases the instructional unit value to \$63,000, passes the House, I will request an increase in the Foundation allocation in this bill from \$598,395,544 to \$610,195,254.
2. Student Lunch Program--Federal funds which have increased \$3,100,000 to \$18,100,000 in FY 93. This program provides free or reduced meals to children in schools and child care centers.
3. Cigarette tax distribution--Up \$200,000 from FY 92. State collects taxes on cigarettes and distributes to school districts to use for rehabilitation, construction and insurance for school facilities. Funds are allocated in direct proportion to the number of students in the district.
4. Tuition Students--No increase from FY 92. This program reimburses districts who serve on-base military students and students who live in one district and receive services in another district. The reimbursement is the amount of local contribution per student.

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5. Boarding Home Grants--No increase from FY 92. This program provides the living expenses of students who must leave their district because no program is available in their home district.
6. Youth in Detention--No increase from FY 92. This program funds educational services in detention homes in Anchorage, Juneau, Bethel and Fairbanks.
7. Schools for the Handicapped--Funds the Special Education Service Agency, School for the Deaf, Providence Heights School at API, and Department of Education's share of the Alaska Youth Initiative.
8. Pupil Transportation--Provides funding for transportation contracts with school districts. The number is an early estimate provided by the Department of Education. However, the final amount may be less depending on contracts being negotiated in the next couple of months.
9. Community Schools--provides funding for programs outside of the regular school system for all age groups.
10. School construction account--provides reimbursement to districts for a percentage of the costs of bonding to build schools. The amount is 100% of estimated cost of the bonds.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.