

SB

105

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was referred to the
Senate Finance
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move
from Committee

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 105()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS TAYLOR, Green

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the facilities constituting a school for purposes of public
2 school funding; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 14.17.905 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.17.905. Facilities constituting a school.** For purposes of this chapter,
6 the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the following:

7 (1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100,
8 shall be counted as one school;

9 (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 450
10 [750], shall be counted as

11 (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in
12 grades kindergarten through six [6]; and

13 (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades
14 seven [7] through 12;

1 (3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 450 [750], each
2 facility that is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except
3 that each alternative school with an ADM of less than 200 shall be counted as a part
4 of the school in the district with the highest ADM.

5 * Sec. 2. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 **FUNDING BASED ON DEFINITION OF FACILITY CONSTITUTING A SCHOOL.**

8 In addition to other amounts that the school district may receive under AS 14.17, if a school
9 district, on June 30, 1999, consisted of three separate schools located in one community, and
10 the district, in fiscal year 2000, has an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 750, then the
11 district is eligible to receive additional public school funding equal to a percentage of the
12 difference between the amount the district would be eligible to receive under AS 14.17.410
13 if each school in the district were counted as a separate school as described under
14 AS 14.17.905(3) and the amount the district is eligible to receive under AS 14.17.410 as a
15 district counted as having one elementary school and one secondary school under
16 AS 14.17.905(2) as follows:

- 17 (1) in fiscal year 2000, 75 percent of the difference;
18 (2) in fiscal year 2001, 50 percent of the difference;
19 (3) in fiscal year 2002, 25 percent of the difference.

20 * Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
21 to read:

22 **RETROACTIVITY.** Section 2 of this Act is retroactive to July 1, 1999.

23 * Sec. 4. Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2002.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2000 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 105
Amendment	
Motion	Adopt 1-LS06 INT CS
<u>Motion by</u>	SW
<u>Objection</u>	
<u>Objection by</u>	No objection
<u>Removed</u>	
<u>Second Objection by</u>	
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Senator Gary Wilken	
Senator Pete Kelly	
Senator Lyda Green	
Senator Randy Phillips	
Senator Dave Donley	
Senator Loren Lemar	
Senator Al Adams	
Co-Chair Sean Parnell	
Co-Chair John Torgerson	
<u>Tally</u>	
Yea	0
Nay	0
Absent	0
<u>MOTION</u>	Moved CCT

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS SB 105(FIN)

Revision Date/Time <u>3-8-2000</u>	Dept. Affected <u>Education</u>	
Title <u>An Act determining the facilities</u>	BRU	<u>K-12 Support</u>
<u>constituting a school for purposes of public school ...</u>	Component	<u>Foundation Program</u>
Sponsor <u>Senator Taylor</u>		
Requester <u>Senate Finance</u>	Component Serial No.	<u>141</u>

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	394.8	197.4	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	394.8	197.4	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match	394.8	197.4	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	394.8	197.4	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8	1,009.8

Estimate of any current year (FY00) cost: 592.2

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This fiscal note updates the analysis for CS SB 105(FIN). Section 1 amends AS 14.17.905 facilities constituting a school and allows communities with an ADM greater than 450 to adjust the ADM for each facility in the community. This section has an effective date of July 1, 2002 and is estimated to cost \$1,009,800. Section 2 provides a three year transition for school districts that had 3 schools on June 30, 1999 but the funding was based on two schools because the enrollment for the community was less than 750 students. No adjustments have been made for enrollment in the out years.

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Division	Education Support Services	Date/Time	3/9/00 2:51 PM
Approved by Commissioner:	Richard S. Cross, Commissioner	Date	3/13/2000
Agency	Department of Education & Early Development		

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School District	Section 1	Section 2		Change in FY2002
	Change in FY2003	Change in FY2000	Change in FY2001	
Alaska Gateway				
Aleutian Region				
Aleutians East				
Anchorage				
Annette Island		136,728	91,152	45,576
Bering Strait				
Bristol Bay				
Chatham				
Chugach				
Copper River				
Cordova				
Craig				
Delta/Greely	408,298			
Denali				
Dillingham				
Fairbanks				
Galena				
Haines				
Hoonah				
Hydaburg				
Iditarod				
Juneau				
Kake				
Kashunamiut				
Kenai Peninsula				
Ketchikan				
Klawock				
Kodiak Island				
Kuspuk				
Lake & Peninsula				
Lower Kuskokwim				
Lower Yukon				
Mat-Su				
Nenana				
Nome				
North Slope				
Northwest Arctic				
Pelican				
Petersburg	351,925	259,331	172,887	86,444
Pribilof				
Sitka				
Skagway				
Southeast Island				
Southwest Region				
St. Mary's				
Tanana				
Unalaska				
Valdez				
Wrangell	249,584	196,094	130,729	65,365
Yakutat				
Yukon Flats				
Yukon/Koyukuk				
Yup'it				
ACS				
Mt. Edgecumbe				
Other				
TOTALS:	\$1,009,807	\$592,153	\$394,768	\$197,385

Senate Finance Committee
Senator John Torgerson (Co-Chair)
Senator Sean Parnell (Co-Chair)
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

March 2, 2000

Re: Bill No. SB 105

Dear Senators:

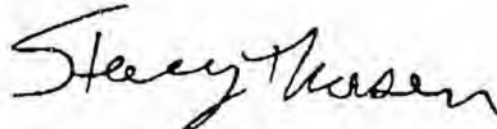
My name is Stacey Thorsen and I am a member of the Petersburg School Board. I am speaking in support of SB 105. Last year, the Petersburg School District's enrollment dropped below 750 students and funding that we had based our budget on was no longer available to us. This was a substantial amount of money and our district had to make major cuts such as ending our high school track program and slashing all aid time down to the bare minimum. The district was forced to use several small special funds and we were looking seriously at ending our elementary marine safety swim program as well. This caused great concern throughout our community as we are a community who's lives revolve around the water. Along with those concerns and overall concerns for our youth's education, our city counsel was willing to appropriate the shortfall and we were able to balance our budget and continue the swim program.

We are now working on our FY "01" budget and have set our expenditures to match exactly to the penny that of last year's expenditures. We no longer have those few special funds to draw from and have cut 2 teacher positions, reduced special ed., bilingual and speech aid time, reduced our elementary and middle school P.E. programs and we will not be able to update our math curriculum this year. These are all reductions in addition to the ones made the year before.

I understand that our situation is unique and we seemed to have fallen through the cracks somehow. Our district is feeling the pinch of this oversight and it is our students who will feel the effects of reduced aid time and an out dated math curriculum as we move on to take the benchmark and exit exams.

I am asking for support for SB 105 on behalf of my children, district and community. We are willing to work to stream line our budget but our main goal is to do what is best for kids and it is a definite challenge to do this under the current state funding formula.

Sincerely,



Stacey Thorsen
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March 6, 2000

Senate Finance Committee
Senator John Torgerson
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Dear Senator Torgerson,

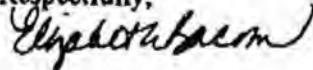
On Friday, March 3, I gave testimony to your committee regarding SB 105. I have followed this bill since its introduction by Senator Robin Taylor last year, and although it was held over in your committee last spring, I am hopeful it will proceed through your committee quickly and be passed this session.

As I said in my testimony, many programs that have been held in high regard by parents, students and educators are at risk of being reduced or eliminated. Our district has reduced custodial hours, eliminated high school track, reduced office staff time, reduced aide time, and completely eliminated professional development for teachers. We are postponing curriculum development in the math content area; special ed aide time in the elementary and high school has been decreased. The elementary and middle school physical education program will be cut by nearly 50%. To accommodate the declining enrollment and still maintain acceptable pupil - teacher ratios, we have planned combination elementary classes (K-1, 2-3, and 4-5). This is not the ideal fix for many parents, but certainly preferable to larger class sizes. We are having difficulty maintaining parity in the salary schedule of our teachers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find and retain quality educators - the competition from outside industry is fierce. And yet, in spite of the decrease in revenues to our school district, we are continuing the process of aligning our curriculum with state standards to enable our students to successfully pass the exit exam.

Senate Bill 36 was an important first step in providing fair and equitable funding for Alaskan schools. There were even built in clauses that prevented sudden negative fiscal impacts on districts, as an example, the percent of budget tied to instruction. There was no "soft landing" for districts teetering over the edge of the 750-enrollment figure. SB 105 would provide much needed relief for our district. The enrollment of our school district in 1998 was 752 students. Lots of sleep was lost in anticipation of the October, 1998 count. If we had fallen just by a few students, we would have seen a decrease of more than \$250,000 in state funding. Even though our enrollment is down to 699 students this year, the square footage remains the same: we still house students in three separate schools. Certainly, funding should be tied to enrollment, losing the basic amount relative to the population of students is to be expected. Senator Taylor's proposed changes (SB 105-T) to provide a "soft landing" would certainly be a great assistance to our district. In either form, SB 105 would provide our district with fiscal stability and allow us to provide adequately for the students of Petersburg City Schools.

Education has always been a priority for the citizens of Alaska; it certainly is a priority in our community. Please give careful consideration to SB 105. If you have additional questions regarding the impact of this legislation on our community, please give me a call.

Respectfully,



Elizabeth Bacom
President
Petersburg School Board

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MEMORANDUM

March 2, 2000

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of CSSB 95() "I" version

TO: Senator Randy Phillips
Attn: Caroline

FROM: Michael F. Ford *M.F.*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Requires that when considering school construction project grant proposals, sixth grade students who are attending school in temporary facilities shall receive the same space allocation as secondary students, when the sixth grade students are attending middle school, junior high, or high school.

Section 2. Allows municipalities to receive reimbursement for school construction bonds when the municipality has students who attend school in temporary classrooms. Also requires that sixth grade students shall receive the same space allocation as secondary students, when the sixth grade students are attending middle school, junior high, or high school.

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Alaska State Legislature

Senator Robin Taylor

District A

State Capitol Rm 30, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182 Phone (907)465-3873 Fax (907)465-3922



Memorandum

To: Senator Taylor
Fm: Jim Pound
Re: Ballpark fiscal note SB 105 T
Date: 3/1/00

Spoke with Eddie Jeans today and he laid out ballpark figures for SB 105 based on a couple of situations.

Section 1. (450 ADM)

Delta-	\$ 419,000
Petersburg	\$ 347,000
Wrangell	\$ 266,000
Total	\$1,032,000 annual

Section 2. (750 ADM)

	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
Delta	\$ 314,000	\$ 209,000	\$ 104,500	\$0
Petersburg	\$ 260,000	\$ 173,000	\$ 87,000	\$0
Wrangell	\$196,000	\$ 131,000	\$ 65,000	\$0
Total	\$770,000	\$ 513,000	\$ 256,500	\$0

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Senator Robin L. Taylor

SPONSOR STATEMENT

CSSB 105 (HES)

Determining the facilities constituting a school for purposes of public school funding.

The year 1998 brought significant changes to the education foundation formula for the first time in many years. This change was an endeavor to level the playing field for all schools in the state. However, some school districts found themselves in an untenable situation. SB 105 has been introduced to fix some of the inequities that occurred in the passage of that legislation.

An example of the kinds of problems that exist in the current law can be found in the Petersburg school district. Last October when student counts were done to determine funding levels, Petersburg had an enrollment of 752 students. Today, Petersburg estimates an enrollment of 747 students. Under the current formula, if funding were calculated today, Petersburg would lose \$200,000 in funding because its Average Daily Membership (ADM) has fallen below the present 750 ADM benchmark. This appears excessive for the loss of 5 students.

Lowering the ADM to 450 also provides equity for other school districts that saw a 40-year pattern of funding three (3) school units change to where only two (2) school units were funded. Each of the communities of Wrangell and Petersburg have three (3) separate school buildings – Elementary, Middle, and High School.

Senate Bill 105 will help with the parity that should be provided to school districts throughout the state.

District A:

Hyder • Ketchikan • Kupreanof • Meyers Chuck • Petersburg • Saxman • Sitka • Wrangell

School District	SB 105		
	Projected FY2000 Total State Aid	Combined Changes Section 1	Projected FY2000 Revised State Aid
Alaska Gateway	5,169,037	-	5,169,037
Aleutian Region	1,220,186	-	1,220,186
Aleutians East	3,183,589	-	3,183,589
Anchorage	201,020,436	-	201,020,436
Annette Island	938,731	-	938,731
Bering Strait	15,356,754	-	15,356,754
Bristol Bay	1,642,166	-	1,642,166
Chatham	2,413,629	-	2,413,629
Chugach	1,792,425	-	1,792,425
Copper River	5,535,996	-	5,535,996
Cordova	2,677,358	-	2,677,358
Craig	2,648,840	-	2,648,840
Delta/Greely	6,869,689	-	6,869,689
Denali	2,890,406	-	2,890,406
Dillingham	3,647,608	-	3,647,608
Fairbanks	68,768,245	-	68,768,245
Galena	14,649,743	-	14,649,743
Haines	1,782,528	-	1,782,528
Hoonah	1,640,307	-	1,640,307
Hydaburg	1,111,787	-	1,111,787
Iditarod	4,991,780	-	4,991,780
Juneau	20,993,473	-	20,993,473
Take	1,339,700	-	1,339,700
Kashunamiut	2,180,803	-	2,180,803
Kenai Peninsula	43,642,278	-	43,642,278
Ketchikan	10,385,665	-	10,385,665
Klawock	1,469,181	-	1,469,181
Kodiak Island	13,649,347	-	13,649,347
Kuspuk	4,749,867	-	4,749,867
Lake & Peninsula	7,075,839	-	7,075,839
Lower Kuskokwim	40,089,516	-	40,089,516
Lower Yukon	14,788,676	-	14,788,676
Mat-Su	58,183,947	-	58,183,947
Nenana	2,599,816	-	2,599,816
Nome	5,055,749	-	5,055,749
North Slope	11,090,185	-	11,090,185
Northwest Arctic	20,264,910	-	20,264,910
Pelican	592,435	-	592,435
Petersburg	3,314,727	394,137	3,708,864
Pribilof	1,170,502	-	1,170,502
Sitka	6,766,386	-	6,766,386
Skagway	876,645	-	876,645
Southeast Island	3,267,255	-	3,267,255
Southwest Region	6,749,618	-	6,749,618
St. Mary's	2,056,752	-	2,056,752
Tanana	1,357,399	-	1,357,399
Unalaska	2,055,419	-	2,055,419
Valdez	3,738,243	-	3,738,243
Wrangell	2,698,180	370,559	3,068,738
Yakutat	1,261,702	-	1,261,702
Yukon Flats	5,319,382	-	5,319,382
Yukon/Koyukuk	6,547,993	-	6,547,993
Yupit	4,163,279	-	4,163,279
ACS	8,307,600	-	8,307,600
Mt. Edgecumbe	1,810,543	-	1,810,543
Other	26,096,071	-	26,096,071
TOTALS:	\$695,660,321	\$764,696	\$696,425,016

School District	Impacts of Section 1			
	Change in Floor Funding	Change in Quality Grant	Change in Formula Funding	Section 1 Net Change
Alaska Gateway	-	-	-	-
Aleutian Region	-	-	-	-
Aleutians East	-	-	-	-
Anchorage	-	-	-	-
Annette Island	-	-	-	-
Bering Strait	-	-	-	-
Bristol Bay	-	-	-	-
Chatham	-	-	-	-
Chugach	-	-	-	-
Copper River	-	-	-	-
Cordova	-	-	-	-
Craig	-	-	-	-
Delta/Greely	-	-	-	-
Denali	-	-	-	-
Dillingham	-	-	-	-
Fairbanks	-	-	-	-
Galena	-	-	-	-
Haines	-	-	-	-
Hoonah	-	-	-	-
Hydaburg	-	-	-	-
Iditarod	-	-	-	-
Juneau	-	-	-	-
Kake	-	-	-	-
Kashunamiut	-	-	-	-
Kenai Peninsula	-	-	-	-
Ketchikan	-	-	-	-
Klawock	-	-	-	-
Kodiak Island	-	-	-	-
Kuspuk	-	-	-	-
Lake & Peninsula	-	-	-	-
Lower Kuskokwim	-	-	-	-
Lower Yukon	-	-	-	-
Mat-Su	-	-	-	-
Nenana	-	-	-	-
Nome	-	-	-	-
North Slope	-	-	-	-
Northwest Arctic	-	-	-	-
Pelican	-	-	-	-
Petersburg	-	1,594	392,543	394,137
Pribilof	-	-	-	-
Sitka	-	-	-	-
Skagway	-	-	-	-
Southeast Island	-	-	-	-
Southwest Region	-	-	-	-
St. Mary's	-	-	-	-
Tanana	-	-	-	-
Unalaska	-	-	-	-
Valdez	-	-	-	-
Wrangell	-	1,499	369,060	370,559
Yakutat	-	-	-	-
Yukon Flats	-	-	-	-
Yukon/Koyukuk	-	-	-	-
Yupit	-	-	-	-
ACS	-	-	-	-
Mt. Edgecumbe	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	\$0	\$3,093	\$761,603	\$764,696

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Mary A. Francis, Ph.D.
Superintendent

November 5, 1998

The Honorable Robin Taylor
Alaska Senate
P. O. Box 1441
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Dear Senator Taylor:

Though I have spoken with you directly about this matter, I want to reiterate a particular problem for the Petersburg City School District under the new foundation formula. I believe that there is a solution for our circumstance that would affect no other district in the state.

Several problems that exist with the new formula are outlined in a resolution passed at the fall conference of the Alaska Association of School Administrators. While we support the need to fix other areas of the new formula, Petersburg is particularly concerned about the cutoff enrollment of 750 ADM, the student count needed in order to include our three (3) schools for calculation of funding.

Fortunately this year's October student count was 752.05 ADM. If we had fallen to 750 or below, we would have realized little or no increased funding under the new program. Amazingly, two to three students can make the difference between receiving \$200,000+ additional dollars or no additional money!


For many years Petersburg has struggled with flat state education dollars, causing the local contribution for schools to rise to the maximum allowed by law. With declining timber receipts, reduced municipal assistance and revenue sharing, and uncertain fish tax revenue, the community of Petersburg is running out of options to protect the fine educational system we have built.

The new funding formula was expected to address, for example, the unfair area cost differential Petersburg has endured since the inception of the "old" formula. It was also to have addressed the inequities single site districts, such as ours, experienced under the "old" formula. It appears that these matters are taken care of by the new formula so long as our enrollment is 751 or more. If we fall to 730 students, as it seems we may do in FY '00, nothing has been resolved for us.

Therefore, I urge you to amend the legislation to change the cutoff to 700 ADM. A review of the Department of Education spreadsheets shows no other school district to have enrollment in the vicinity of 700 students. Ideally, we would prefer the cutoff to be an even safer 650 ADM, but we realize that number could potentially include a number of other districts and thus, would be too costly for the state.

Please let me know if you would like additional information on this matter. It is of vital importance to our community and to our school system. Thank you for your continuing support of Petersburg's educational needs.

Sincerely,


Mary Annexstad Francis, Ph.D.
Superintendent

cc: school board
Mayor and city council
Jenny Martens

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Superintendent

February 17, 1999

Dr. Shirley Holloway, Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Holloway:

As you report to the State Board of Education and to various legislative committees on how SB 36 is working for school district, please be advised of the following impact on the Petersburg City School District. For FY '99 our student enrollment fell from a projected 775 ADM to an actual of 752 ADM. Fortunately for us, we remained above 750 students for this school year's funding.

In preparing enrollment projects for FY '00, I find that we will fall short of 750 students. As SB 36 is written, we are able to calculate the formula factoring in all three of our schools if we remain above 750 ADM. If we fall below 750 ADM, though we still have three schools and all the related costs, we must calculate the formula as if we have only two schools.

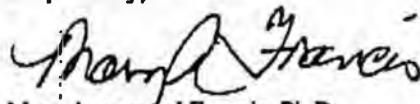
To demonstrate the magnitude of the problem associated with falling below 750 ADM, I calculated what our state funding would have been this school year if we had enrolled 748 students. Four fewer students would have translated into over \$200,000 less in state revenue to Petersburg! That equals about \$50,000 per student. A formula that has such a disastrous affect on a school district, and in which just four students have this impact, surely is in need of adjustment.

We are one of the Standards 5 schools, working diligently to implement state standards and the Quality Schools Initiatives. Given the funding shortfalls I now see, it is difficult to maintain the improvement efforts we have set in motion. Needless to say, our budget development activities are about as gloomy as I have ever had to experience.

There must be some reasonable fallback option for a district that falls just short of cutoff numbers in the funding formula. To absorb a \$200,000 problem is simply devastating here.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. I trust you will see that this example becomes part of the public dialogue on the implementation of SB 36 and how it is working.

Respectfully,



Mary Annestad Francis, Ph.D.
Superintendent

cc: school board
city council
Senator Robin Taylor
Representative Ben Grussendorf

Petersburg Schools will provide a safe and orderly environment for teaching and learning in an atmosphere that encourages continuous improvement, and will advocate for the highest educational opportunities for all students.

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 value of the taxable real and
 of January 1 of the second
 Community and Regional

...be at least the greater of
 the previous fiscal year; or
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...multiplying the number obtained under (1) of this subsection by the special needs factor in AS 14.17.420(a)(1) and multiplying that product by the base student allocation; and

(3) multiplying the product determined under (2) of this subsection by the district cost factor that is applicable to calculation of the state aid for the adjacent school district under AS 14.17.460.

(b) State boarding schools are also eligible for intensive services funding under AS 14.17.420(a)(2). (§ 2 ch 83 SLA 1993)

Sec. 14.17.450. School size factor. (a) For purposes of calculating a school's ADM to determine state aid, the ADM of each school in a district shall be computed by applying the following formula:

If the student count in a school is		The adjusted student is		
At least	But less than	Base	Multiplier	The number of students in excess of
10	-	39.6		
20	-	39.6	+	(1.62 x 20)
30	-	55.8	+	(1.49 x 30)
75	-	122.85	+	(1.27 x 75)
150	-	218.1	+	(1.08 x 150)
250	-	326.1	+	(0.97 x 250)
400	-	471.6	+	(0.92 x 400)
750	or	793.6	+	(0.84 x 750)
over				

(b) If the ADM in a school is less than 10, those students shall be included in the ADM of the school in that district with the lowest ADM as determined by the most recent student count data for that district. (§ 2 ch 83 SLA 1998)

Sec. 14.17.460. District cost factors. (a) For purposes of calculating a district's adjusted ADM under AS 14.17.410(b)(1), the district cost factor for a school district is as follows:

DISTRICT	DISTRICT COST FACTOR
Alaska Gateway	1.291
Chukotka East	1.423
Chukotka Region	1.736
Chukotka Central School	1.000
Chukotka	1.000
Chukotka Island	1.011
Chukotka Strait	1.525
Chukotka Bay	1.262
Chukotka	1.120
Chukotka	1.294
Chukotka	1.176
Chukotka	1.096
Chukotka	1.010
Chukotka	1.106

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Denali	1.313
Dillingham	1.254
Fairbanks	1.039
Galena	1.348
Haines	1.008
Hoonah	1.055
Hydaburg	1.085
Iditarod	1.470
Juneau	1.005
Kake	1.025
Kashunamiut	1.389
Kenai Peninsula	1.004
Ketchikan	1.000
Klawok	1.017
Kodiak Island	1.093
Kuspuk	1.434
Lake and Peninsula	1.558
Lower Kuskokwim	1.491
Lower Yukon	1.438
Matanuska-Susitna	1.010
Mt. Edgecumbe	1.000
Nenana	1.270
Nome	1.319
North Slope	1.504
Northwest Arctic	1.549
Pelican	1.290
Petersburg	1.000
Pribilof	1.419
Sitka	1.000
Skagway	1.143
Southeast Island	1.124
Southwest Region	1.423
St. Mary's	1.351
Tanana	1.496
Unalaska	1.245
Valdez	1.095
Wrangell	1.000
Yakutat	1.046
Yukon Flats	1.668
Yukon/Koyukuk	1.502
Yupiit	1.469.

(b) The department shall monitor the cost factors established under (a) of this section and shall prepare and submit to the legislature by January 15 of every other fiscal year proposed district cost factors. (§ 2 ch 83 SLA 1998)

Cross references. — For transitional provisions relating to initial proposed district cost factors required under (b), see § 41, ch. 83, SLA 1998 in the 1998 Temporary and Special Acts.

Sec. 14.17.470. Base student allocation. The base student allocation is \$3,940. (§ 2 ch 83 SLA 1998)

Sec. 14.17.480. Quality school funding. (a) As a component of public school funding, a district is eligible to receive a quality school funding grant not to exceed the

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SB#105

Senate Finance,

I would like to go on record in support of SB#105 introduced by Senator Taylor. In listening to testimony on Wednesday April 28, 1999 I was very disappointed to hear that the Department of Education is not in support of this bill and has not to date understood the difficult situation these two communities are facing.

Consolidation is a trendy word that really does not speak to these two communities, nor does it bring the best educational practice forward for the children in our communities. Wrangell is under the states rating for efficiency at 70%, our salary is one of eight lowest in the State of Alaska, we have had in place State Standards, State Board Standards for School Boards, we have been well supported by our Municipality with the contribution of 59% of the total tax revenues going to Wrangell Schools. In all that the State of Alaska has asked Wrangell School District we have done and it feels like we are being punished for the good job we are doing.

When considering this bill you must take into consideration our communities economic situation, our population and our ability to keep funding education reductions, we as a community are not able to keep funding education as we have in the past, our community has funded the cost of living increases that the state has not kept up with and have done this with a uncertain economic future.

With due respect to Senator Al Adams statement to leave the formula alone for three years, I believe that in the last hours of last year that seemed reasonable, but it is not reasonable or fair to leave school districts in the financial situation we face, I can't believe that it was the intention of any Senate to let a school completely devastate its educational integrity because of a waiting period that did not take situations like Wrangell and Petersburg into consideration.

I respect the difficult situation the Senate is in, but please understand our situation as well.

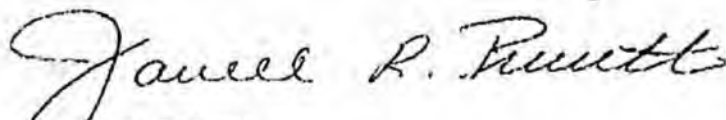
Wrangell School District has one of the finest education programs in the State of Alaska and we would like to continue this reputation, it is very difficult for communities that have faced very difficult economic times and are continuing to face those times, but then to realize that our tax base can not continue to fund and to keep up with the contributions that they have been making, is very hard on a community that has been proud of it's ability to do a lot with a little.

Wrangell School District is very proud of our three schools that the Department of Education seems to bring up in a negative manner, yes!!! We have three schools, that have been brought to the attention of many as being a school district that put kids and education first, and we have done that with three schools, three schools that are run by administration that does many other jobs in our district. We as a community are very proud and hold firm to local control and believe that we bring forward excellence in education, and the many hours and time that our community puts forward in supporting education is evident in our success.

The number one priority for the Wrangell Legislative lobbying document is and continues to be EDUCATION!!!

Please consider carefully your decisions on SB105 and it's effect on the Children of Wrangell.

Thank you for your time and consideration,


Janell R. Privett

CITY OF WRANGELL
 INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE CITY
 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1993 THROUGH 1999

PREPARED BY JEFF JABUSCH
 ON FEBRUARY 22, 1999

AS REQUESTED FROM PUBLIC

FISCAL YEAR	IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	(CITY) LOCAL CASH CONTRIBUTION	TIMBER TAX RECEIPTS	TOTAL LOCAL CASH CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL SALES AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE	(CITY ONLY) LOCAL CONTR. AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL TAX DOLLARS
1993	29,000	339,865	662,635	1,002,500	2,476,762	14%
1994	29,000	873,639	212,529	1,086,168	2,735,962	32%
1995	29,000	809,540	251,231	1,060,771	2,692,969	30%
1996	29,000	559,628	603,586	1,163,214	2,561,385	22%
1997	29,000	529,545	506,485	1,036,030	2,266,027	23%
1998	29,000	919,932	380,068	1,300,000	2,048,754	45%
1999	29,000	1,309,076	74,865	1,383,741	2,237,000	59%

THE ABOVE SPREADSHEET SHOWS THE AMOUNT THE LOCAL CONTRIBUTION HAS BEEN TO THE SCHOOL SINCE 1993, SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF TIMBER TAX RECEIPTS, AND IT SHOWS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PROPERTY AND SALES TAXES THAT THE CITY RECEIVED IN THOSE SAME YEARS. THE LAST COLUMN SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE SCHOOL CASH CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL TAX REVENUES. AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE 1997 WHEN THE CITY OF WRANGELL'S CASH CONTRIBUTION WAS \$529,545 WHICH WAS 23% OF THE TOTAL TAX REVENUES.

NOTE**

IN THE YEAR 2000 TAXES WILL INCREASE BECAUSE THE SALES TAXES WILL AGAIN BE ON FOOD AND UTILITIES. THIS WILL HAVE A TENDENCY TO MOVE THE PERCENTAGE DOWN ABOUT 10% NEXT YEAR IF EVERYTHING ELSE STAYED THE SAME.

Subject: Senate Bill 95

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Dear Senators,

I am very pleased that SB 95 will come before your committee for a vote this Friday. I am strongly in support of this bill and strongly urge it's passage. The 50% reimbursement for school construction of a new high school in Eagle River is probably the only possible way that the voters in Anchorage might help support the construction of a new school in Eagle River. It will be a very difficult fight to gain the support of Anchorage voters for the badly needed school in our community.

I hope you will pass this bill and give our local community the opportunity to convince Anchorage voters the need to vote for the bond issue for a new Eagle River High School.

Thank you,

Bill Kuhlmann,
Chairman of Eagle River Community Council
President Eagle River Rotary Club

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