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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Fred Dyson, Chairman
Health, Education and Social Services Committee

FROM: Senator Gary Wilken

DATE: May 1, 2003

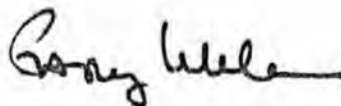
RE: Senate Bill 202 – *Education Funding and Pupil Transportation*

I respectfully request that Senate Bill 202, *Education Funding and Pupil Transportation*, be scheduled for a hearing before the Senate Health, Education, and Social Services Committee.

Senate Bill 202 revises the method in which local school districts are reimbursed for pupil transportation costs. A per student transportation allocation is established for each local school district as the base for state funding. In addition, Senate Bill 202 increases the K-12 education funding base student allocation to \$4,169, an increase of \$159.

These two provisions are intertwined with the Senate operating budget and passage of Senate Bill 202 will help stabilize K-12 public education funding.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in scheduling a hearing.





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SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 202 Education Funding and Pupil Transportation

Senate Bill 202 includes two provisions relating to K-12 public education that are intertwined with the Senate operating budget.

First, Senate Bill 202 revises the method in which local school districts are reimbursed for pupil transportation costs. Over the past seven years, district transportation costs have increased 77 percent; \$32.8 million in FY97 to \$58.1 million in FY04. This legislation establishes a pupil transportation grant program as a means to control the growth of these costs.

Under the proposed grant program, local school districts will receive an allocation based on their actual per student transportation cost in FY03. In FY04 and beyond, the pupil transportation grant will be determined by multiplying the district's transportation allocation by their student enrollment. This new reimbursement program recognizes fiscal constraint while continuing to support local school districts with their transportation costs.

Secondly, Senate Bill 202 increases the K-12 education funding per student amount to \$4,169, an increase of \$159. This change distributes \$32.1 million to 53 school districts through the education foundation formula; a plan that offers stable and predictable revenue to all 53 school districts. This much-needed increase will help our school districts to continue to improve their educational programs so that all students receive the best education possible.

Please join me in endorsing and passing Senate Bill 202.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Snydell".

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT
 REIMBURSABLE TRANSPORTATION COSTS PER STUDENT
 April 15, 2003

DISTRICT	FY03 UPDATED PROJECTIONS	ADM-LESS Corresp.	Estimated FY03 COST PER STUDENT	FY04 Projected ADM	Estimated Transportation Grant Proposal	
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ALEUTIANS EAST	61,000	272.75	224	272.00	60,928	
ANCHORAGE	16,574,909	48,907.49	339	49,274.00	16,703,886	
ANNETTE ISLAND	22,770	290.65	78	290.65	22,871	caps per student
BERING STRAIT	76,500	1,733.85	44	1,814.00	79,816	amount at \$1,200
BRISTOL BAY	308,916	233.60	1,200	236.00	283,200	
CHATHAM	15,201	219.90	69	224.00	15,458	
CHUGACH	0	83.50	0	95.00	0	Minimum per student
COPPER RIVER	702,500	540.22	1,200	535.25	642,300	amount is \$20
CORDOVA	74,519	464.10	161	470.00	75,670	
CRAIG	96,700	389.75	248	390.50	96,844	
DELTA/GREELY	858,541	635.38	1,200	845.00	1,014,000	
DENALI	349,903	296.75	1,179	311.00	366,669	
DILLINGHAM	420,079	520.66	807	525.06	423,723	
FAIRBANKS	8,988,949	14,874.93	604	14,841.00	8,963,964	
GALENA	51,275	234.00	219	243.00	53,217	
HAINES	172,000	311.95	551	292.00	160,892	
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HYDABURG	0	92.20	0	88.00	0	
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JUNEAU	2,052,033	5,462.63	377	5,221.00	1,968,317	
KAKE	30,388	151.85	200	157.00	31,400	
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Prepared 4/29/03

Base Allocation

Increase to \$4,169

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Chatham	87,838	-	87,838
Chugach	59,950	(23,820)	36,130
Copper River	213,276	-	213,276
Cordova	134,380	(4,228)	130,152
Craig	179,479	-	179,479
Delta/Greely	294,901	-	294,901
Denali Borough	131,707	-	131,707
Dillingham	167,789	(67,116)	100,673
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	3,512,420	-	3,512,420
Galena	565,007	(226,003)	339,004
Haines Borough	90,722	-	90,722
Hoonah	64,160	(25,664)	38,496
Hydaburg	29,645	-	29,645
Iditarod Area	172,283	(68,913)	103,370
Juneau Borough	1,194,834	-	1,194,834
Kake	50,543	(20,217)	30,326
Kashunamiut	135,161	-	135,161
Kenai Peninsula Borough	2,285,510	-	2,285,510
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	553,984	-	553,984
Klawock	52,414	(8,445)	43,969
Kodiak Island Borough	717,348	-	717,348
Kuspuk	223,783	(32,127)	191,656
Lake & Peninsula Borough	235,460	(20,840)	214,620
Lower Kuskokwim	1,631,553	(652,621)	978,932
Lower Yukon	870,870	-	870,870
Mat-Su Borough	3,236,571	-	3,236,571
Nenana	141,628	-	141,628
Nome	235,822	-	235,822
North Slope Borough	762,020	-	762,020
Northwest Arctic Borough	918,149	-	918,149
Pelican	10,542	(4,217)	6,325
Petersburg	162,244	-	162,244
Pribilof	63,527	(24,480)	39,047
Sitka Borough	357,264	-	357,264
Skagway	38,635	-	38,635
Southeast Island	96,599	(25,409)	71,190
Southwest Region	329,759	-	329,759
St. Mary's	75,304	-	75,304
Tanana	35,365	(14,146)	21,219
Unalaska	134,050	(53,620)	80,430
Valdez	238,109	(95,244)	142,865
Wrangell	107,719	-	107,719
Yakutat	43,094	-	43,094
Yukon Flats	175,798	9,266	185,064
Yukon/Koyukuk	312,571	(2,653)	309,908
Yup'it	185,760	(17,795)	167,965
Mt. Edgecumbe High Schc	77,026	-	77,026
TOTALS:	33,609,116	(1,472,475)	32,136,637

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 259(EDU)
 (H) Publish Date: 4/23/2003

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
 Title: "An Act relating to public school transportation" BRU: Pupil Transportation
 Component: Pupil Transportation
 Sponsor: Representative Gatto
 Requester: House Special Committee on Education Component No.: 144

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	10,745.6					
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	10,745.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

CHANGE IN REVENUES ()

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	10,745.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 Governor's FY04 budget request for pupil transportation is \$43,188,200
 HB 259 cost \$53,933,800
 Fiscal Note \$10,745,600

HB 259 will provide each school district with a per student allocation based on the per student amount reimbursed in FY03 for pupil transportation services. Beginning in FY04 school districts that offer a transportation program will be allocated a grant based on their per student amount times the number of students in the current year.

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, School Finance Manager Phone 465-8679
 Division: Education Support Services Date/Time 4/23/03 10:53 AM
 Approved by: _____ Date 4/23/2003
 Agency: Education and Early Development

CSHB 259(EDU) - FN#1

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Minimum per student amount is \$20

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT
 FY04 Projections -- Pupil Transportation Program
 Prepared 4/15/2003

CSHB 259(EDU) - FN#1

Actual proration is 73.93%
 of projected entitlement

DISTRICT	Reimbursement Program		FY04 Transportation Grant Proposal
	FY04 PROJECTION	FY04 Prorated Gov.s Budget	
ALASKA GATEWAY	642,534	474,997	534,000
ALEUTIANS EAST	57,000	42,138	0
ALEUTIANS REGION	0	0	60,928
ANCHORAGE	18,793,314	13,893,070	16,703,800
ANNETTE ISLAND	23,000	17,003	22,671
BERING STRAIT	78,795	58,250	79,576
BRISTOL BAY	321,021	237,317	283,200
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CHUGACH	0	0	0
COPPER RIVER	720,000	532,264	642,300
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PETERSBURG	163,000	120,499	137,629
PRIBILOF	0	0	0
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WRANGELL	234,727	173,523	186,335
YAKUTAT	79,993	59,135	56,364
YUKON FLATS	67,098	49,603	58,916
YUKON/KOYUKUK	126,000	93,146	121,500
* YUPIIT	3,000	2,218	2,912
ACS	0	0	0
MT. EDGE CUMBE	0	0	0
CONTRACTS--Approx	206,000	206,000	206,000
**See Notes Below	575,757	575,784	565,000
TOTALS	58,145,400	43,188,200	53,933,794

Projections based on information provided by districts

* No bussing--Districts' only reimbursable costs are for payments to parents in lieu of bus transportation

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 202
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
 Title "An Act relating to school transportation; relating BRU K-12 Support
 to the base student allocation used in the formula for ..." Component Foundation Program
 Sponsor Senate Finance Committee
 Requester Health, Education & Social Services Component No. 141

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would increase the base student allocation of \$4,010 by \$159, resulting in a new amount of \$4,169. (see attached spreadsheet)

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, School Finance Manager
 Division: Education and Support Services
 Approved by: _____
 Agency: Education and Early Development

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Kodiak Island Borough	717,348	-	717,348
Kuspuk	223,783	(32,127)	191,656
Lake & Peninsula Borough	235,460	(20,840)	214,620
Lower Kuskokwim	1,631,553	(652,621)	978,932
Lower Yukon	870,870	-	870,870
Mat-Su Borough	3,236,571	-	3,236,571
Nenana	141,628	-	141,628
Nome	235,822	-	235,822
North Slope Borough	762,020	-	762,020
Northwest Arctic Borough	918,149	-	918,149
Pelican	10,542	(4,217)	6,325
Petersburg	162,244	-	162,244
Pribilof	63,527	(24,480)	39,047
Sitka Borough	357,264	-	357,264
Skagway	38,635	-	38,635
Southeast Island	96,599	(25,409)	71,190
Southwest Region	329,759	-	329,759
St. Mary's	75,304	-	75,304
Tanana	35,365	(14,146)	21,219
Unalaska	134,050	(53,620)	80,430
Valdez	238,109	(95,244)	142,865
Wrangell	107,719	-	107,719
Yakutat	43,094	-	43,094
Yukon Flats	175,798	9,266	185,064
Yukon/Koyukuk	312,571	(2,663)	309,908
Yupit	185,760	(17,795)	167,965
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	77,026	-	77,026
TOTALS:	33,609,116	(1,472,479)	32,136,637

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 202
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
 Title: "An Act relating to school transportation; BRU Pupil Transportation
relating to the base student allocation used in the formula... Component Pupil Transportation
 Sponsor Senate Finance Committee
 Requester Senate HESS Component No. 144

Expenditures/Revenue (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	10,745.6					
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	10,745.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	10,745.6					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	10,745.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Governor's FY04 budget request for pupil transportation is \$43,188,200
 SB 202 cost \$53,933,800
 Fiscal Note \$10,745,600

SB 202 will provide each school district with a per student allocation based on the per student amount reimbursed in FY03 for pupil transportation services. Beginning in FY04 school districts that offer a transportation program will be allocated a grant based on their per student amount times the number of students in the current year.

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, School Finance Manager
 Division: Education Support Services
 Approved by: _____
 Agency: Education and Early Development

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT
REIMBURSABLE TRANSPORTATION COSTS PER STUDENT

April 15, 2003

DISTRICT	FY03 UPDATED PROJECTIONS	ADM--LESS Corresp.	Estimated FY03 COST PER STUDENT	FY04 Projected ADM	Estimated Transportation Grant Proposal
ALASKA GATEWAY	628,955	429.60	1,200	445.00	534,000
ALEUTIAN REGION	0	49.25	0	46.00	0
ALEUTIANS EAST	61,000	272.75	224	272.00	60,928
ANCHORAGE	16,574,909	48,907.49	339	49,274.00	16,703,886
ANNETTE ISLAND	22,770	290.65	78	290.65	22,671
BERING STRAIT	76,500	1,733.85	44	1,814.00	79,816
BRISTOL BAY	308,916	233.60	1,200	238.00	283,200
CHATHAM	15,201	219.90	69	224.00	15,456
CHUGACH	0	83.50	0	95.00	0
COPPER RIVER	702,500	540.22	1,200	535.25	642,300
CORDOVA	74,519	464.10	161	470.00	75,670
CRAIG	96,700	389.75	248	390.50	98,844
DELTA/GREELY	858,541	635.38	1,200	845.00	1,014,000
DENALI	349,903	296.75	1,179	311.00	366,669
DILLINGHAM	420,079	520.66	807	525.06	423,723
FAIRBANKS	8,988,949	14,874.93	604	14,841.00	8,963,964
GALENA	51,275	234.00	219	243.00	53,217
HAINES	172,000	311.95	551	292.00	160,892
HOONAH	36,193	188.40	192	188.85	36,259
HYDABURG	0	92.20	0	88.00	0
IDITAROD	53,488	309.85	173	317.00	54,841
JUNEAU	2,062,033	5,462.63	377	5,221.00	1,968,317
KAKE	30,388	151.85	200	157.00	31,400
KASHUNAMIUT	4,800	350.40	14	360.00	5,040
KENAI PENINSULA	4,701,483	9,267.26	507	9,064.00	4,595,448
KETCHIKAN	1,285,530	2,381.85	540	2,364.00	1,276,560
KLAWOCK	25,448	158.90	160	158.00	25,280
KODIAK	1,206,004	2,730.35	442	2,714.00	1,199,588
KUSPUK	228,653	428.70	536	476.00	255,136
LAKE & PENINSULA	103,540	412.55	251	402.00	100,902
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	542,000	3,704.69	146	3,768.00	550,128
LOWER YUKON	3,500	2,053.15	2	2,073.25	4,147
MAT-SU	9,995,545	13,034.52	767	13,065.00	10,020,855
NENANA	117,280	203.50	576	202.00	116,352
NOME	270,093	736.15	367	764.00	280,388
NORTH SLOPE	762,187	1,970.25	387	1,934.00	748,458
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	50,784	2,141.90	24	2,163.00	51,912
PELICAN	1,440	18.00	80	18.00	1,440
PETERSBURG	143,503	625.85	229	601.00	137,629
PRIBILOF	0	135.50	0	136.00	0
SITKA	605,800	1,508.80	402	1,475.00	592,950
SKAGWAY	3,800	109.67	35	104.00	3,640
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	251,140	203.50	1,200	207.00	248,400
SOUTHWEST REGION	245,103	721.25	340	723.35	245,939
ST. MARY'S	850	167.16	5	185.00	925
TANANA	44,685	61.80	723	60.00	43,380
UNALASKA	208,721	392.95	531	415.52	220,641
VALDEZ	413,613	866.70	477	888.00	423,576
WRANGELL	195,606	435.45	449	415.00	186,335
YAKUTAT	66,661	144.25	462	122.00	56,364
YUKON FLATS	62,098	301.25	206	286.00	58,916
YUKON/KOYUKUK	120,000	444.85	270	450.00	121,500
YUPIIT	3,000	424.00	7	416.00	2,912
CONTRACTS--Approved	206,000				206,000
**See Notes Below	480,098				565,000
TOTALS:	\$53,933,800	122,826.42		123,130.43	\$53,933,794

caps per student amount at \$1,200

**For unanticipated cost increases, e.g., added rates, contract negotiations, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

FY04 Projections -- Pupil Transportation Program

Prepared 4/15/2003

Actual proration is 73.93%

DISTRICT	Reimbursement Program of projected entitlement		FY04 Transportation Grant Proposal
	FY04 PROJECTION	FY04 Prorated Gov.s Budget	
ALASKA GATEWAY	642,534	474,997	534,000
ALEUTIAN REGION	0	0	0
ALEUTIANS EAST	57,000	42,138	60,928
ANCHORAGE	18,793,314	13,893,070	16,703,886
ANNETTE ISLAND	23,000	17,003	22,671
BERING STRAIT	78,795	58,250	79,816
BRISTOL BAY	321,021	237,317	283,200
* CHATHAM	17,001	12,568	15,456
CHUGACH	0	0	0
COPPER RIVER	720,000	532,264	642,300
CORDOVA	76,286	56,395	75,670
CRAIG	96,700	71,486	96,844
DELTA/GREELY	882,572	652,447	1,014,000
DENALI	360,186	266,270	366,669
DILLINGHAM	438,958	324,502	423,723
FAIRBANKS	9,406,638	6,953,914	8,963,964
GALENA	52,650	38,922	53,217
HAINES	172,000	127,152	160,892
HOONAH	29,235	21,612	36,259
HYDABURG	0	0	0
IDITAROD	53,488	39,541	54,841
JUNEAU	2,121,821	1,568,569	1,968,317
KAKE	36,700	27,131	31,400
* KASHUNAMIUT	4,800	3,548	5,040
KENAI PENINSULA	5,018,523	3,709,974	4,595,448
KETCHIKAN	1,339,886	990,519	1,276,560
KLAWOCK	26,924	19,904	25,280
KODIAK	1,238,570	915,620	1,199,588
KUSPUK	248,669	183,830	255,136
LAKE & PENINSULA	104,917	77,561	100,902
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	642,000	474,602	550,128
* LOWER YUKON	3,500	2,587	4,147
MAT-SU	10,663,664	7,883,177	10,020,855
NENANA	119,626	88,434	116,352
NOME	298,196	220,443	280,388
NORTH SLOPE	737,611	545,283	748,458
NORTHWEST ARCTIC	51,340	37,953	51,912
* PELICAN	1,440	1,065	1,440
PETERSBURG	163,000	120,499	137,629
PRIBILOF	0	0	0
SITKA	616,500	455,751	592,950
* SKAGWAY	3,800	2,809	3,640
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	269,700	199,377	248,400
SOUTHWEST REGION	248,983	184,062	245,939
* ST. MARY'S	850	628	925
TANANA	30,250	22,362	43,380
UNALASKA	214,983	158,927	220,641
VALDEZ	425,195	314,328	423,576
WRANGELL	234,727	173,523	186,335
YAKUTAT	79,993	59,135	56,364
YUKON FLATS	67,098	49,603	58,916
YUKON/KOYUKUK	126,000	93,146	121,500
* YUPIIT	3,000	2,218	2,912
ACS	0	0	0
MT. EDGE CUMBE	0	0	0
CONTRACTS--Approx	206,000	206,000	206,000
**See Notes Below	575,757	575,784	565,000
TOTALS	58,145,400	43,188,200	53,933,794

Projections based on information provided by districts

* No bus'ng--Districts' only reimbursable costs are for payments to parents in lieu of bus transportation

**For unanticipated cost increases, e.g., added rates, contract negotiations.



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Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony for
the SHES teleconference hearing that was
scheduled on 5-5-03.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee via
fax on 5-5-03.

Thank you,

Mr. Byrne



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Health, Education & Social Services
committee name

Committee on SB 202, dated 5-5-03
bill # / subject public hearing date

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District does not support SB 202. In its current form, the bill does not take into account the distance our buses must travel to reach our students, the increased costs due to inflation, and our increasing special education population that we must, by federal law, transport. For the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, this bill means fewer and fewer dollars for students in the classroom as each year passes. What the grant does not cover our district must fund.

SB 202 ties transportation funds to student enrollment. Our district is a combination of both urban and rural areas, and the number of our routes is driven not by total student population but by distance and lack of public transportation services. For example, we have two routes that travel 100 plus live miles. Our total student population is declining; however, this decline does not automatically equate to a corresponding decline in the number of bus routes or miles driven.

SB 202 does not allow for adjustments to counter the costs of inflation, a factor which affects our district-operated routes as well as our contracted routes. Bus replacement costs are rising as are fuel and labor expenses. The new state minimum wage for bus drivers is now \$14.30 an hour. Our contract with Laidlaw contains a cost of living clause, and next year our per day rates will increase by 1.9%. To counter these increases, we will lengthen our capital equipment replacement cycle for district-owned buses and eliminate routes in both district and contractor areas. However, we will soon reach a point where basic service and student safety are affected.

SB 202 does not take into account federally mandated special needs transportation. Although total KPBSD student population is decreasing, the number of KPBSD students requiring special needs transportation is increasing. Special needs transportation is very expensive. These students require specialized buses and equipment as well as individualized care during transport. In addition, some of these students live a considerable distance from the nearest program. This adds to the expense of transportation and limits the number of special needs students we can move. This year we will spend approximately 25 percent of our total transportation budget on special needs transport. Next year, we expect a greater percentage of our budget to be spent on these federally mandated services. The more KPBSD spends on special needs services, the less it has to spend on regular education transportation and possibly the classroom.

SB 202 does reduce government involvement and shift authority from the state to local districts. However, in its current form the bill will not maximize efficiencies in transportation services as intended because it shifts future transportation cost increases from the state to the districts (some of whom are facing severe budget cuts) with no provision for adjustments. SB 202 could impact education in a way not anticipated: fewer students attending school on a regular basis and less money for the classroom.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District does recognize a need to both contain the costs of transportation for all of our state's students as well as bring parity to the system. This proposed legislation is a step in the right direction, however, it needs further development. Our district recommends the establishment of a state-wide task force of individuals most intimately aware of the transportation system. A plan whose consequences have not been well-thought through could potentially create another one-sided venue that rewards inefficiency and punishes those attempting to be financially responsible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed: Dave Spence

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