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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 30(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/16/05

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS, Chenault, Thomas, Wilson, Neuman, Samuels, Olson, Seaton, LeDoux, Elkins, McGuire

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making appropriations for K-12 education operating and school debt expenses;
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT -- K-12
5 SUPPORT FOR FY 2006. The sum of \$826,037,800 is appropriated to the Department of
6 Education and Early Development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the purposes
7 described and allocated in the amounts listed from the general fund and from other sources in
8 the amounts set out:

9	PURPOSE	ALLOCATION
10	Foundation program	\$762,255,200
11	Boarding home grants	185,900
12	Youth in detention	1,100,000
13	Special schools	7,469,600
14	Pupil transportation	55,027,100

FUND SOURCE	AMOUNT
General fund receipts	\$793,299,500
Federal impact aid for K-12 schools	20,791,000
Public school trust fund (AS 37.14.110)	11,947,300

* Sec. 2. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOUNDATION PROGRAM AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM. (a) Subject to sec. 4 of this Act, the sum of \$70,089,524 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and Early Development for the foundation program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

(b) Subject to sec. 4 of this Act, the sum of \$479,652 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and Early Development, special schools, for the Alaska Military Youth Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

(c) The appropriations made by this section to the foundation program and the special schools program are in addition to the amounts appropriated for those purposes by sec. 1 of this Act.

* Sec. 3. SCHOOL DEBT REIMBURSEMENT. The sum of \$86,463,500 is appropriated to the Department of Education and Early Development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for state aid for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 from the following sources:

Alaska debt retirement fund (AS 37.15.011)	\$59,463,500
School fund (AS 43.50.140)	27,000,000

* Sec. 4. CONTINGENCY. The appropriations made by sec. 2 of this Act are contingent upon the passage by the Twenty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature and enactment into law before July 1, 2005, of a bill that increases the base student allocation under AS 14.17.470 to at least \$4,919 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: HB 1
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Military and Veterans Affairs
Title Increase Amount of Base Student RDU Military and Veterans Affairs
Allocation _____ Component Alaska Military Youth Academy
Sponsor Finance Component No. 1969
Requester Representative Gatto

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	447.5					
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	447.5	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						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (1007 Inter-Agency Receipts)	447.5					
TOTAL	447.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would increase the Base Student Allocation, from \$4,576 to \$4,896 for FY2006.

The Alaska Challenge Youth Academy is authorized under AS 14.30.740. The funding of this program is directly linked to the based student allocation set out in AS 17.17.470. The funding would come to the Alaska Military Youth Academy as Inter-Agency Receipts from the Department of Education.

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Department of Education and Early Development
Prepared on 2/11/05
FY06 Base Allocation Increase

Prepared by Mindy Lobaugh

HB 1

Alaska Military Youth Academy

FY2006 Projection

175 x \$4,896 x 7 =	5,997,600
289 x \$4896 x .6 =	848,966
less \$2,100,000	(2,100,000)
	4,746,566
FY06 Current Entitlement:	4,299,078
FY06 INCREASE TO AMYA:	\$447,488

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Speaker of the House

SPONSOR STATEMENT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 30 (EDU)

"An Act making appropriations for K-12 education operating and school debt expenses; and providing for an effective date."

CS for House Bill 30 (EDU) will provide funds needed to achieve early funding of the FY 06 education foundation formula and school debt reimbursement programs.

This version of the bill covers the base foundation program, boarding home grants, youth in detention, special schools, pupil transportation and school debt reimbursement. Contingency language is also included that provides an additional \$65.4 million for the foundation program should a bill that increases the base student allocation to at least \$4896 be enacted into law.

By passing an early education funding bill, school districts will know the level of funding for the upcoming fiscal year, thus negating the need to send out pink slips to teachers because of anticipated budget cuts.

Prepared on 2/2/05

Base Allocation Increase of

Various Fiscal Notes

School District	HB1 \$4,589	HB18 \$4,901	HB73 \$4,880	CS HB 1 7.0% \$4896
Alaska Gateway	14,254	259,866	246,051	256,577
Aleutian Region	1,931	48,260	45,142	47,518
Aleutians East Borough	11,778	294,466	275,439	289,936
Anchorage	864,621	21,615,532	20,218,836	21,282,986
Annette Island	7,413	185,334	173,359	182,483
Bering Strait	68,028	1,700,680	1,590,790	1,674,516
Bristol Bay Borough	5,592	139,805	130,772	137,654
Chatham	5,249	131,222	122,743	129,203
Chugach	2,745	68,641	64,206	67,585
Copper River	17,645	441,125	412,622	434,339
Cordova	10,776	269,390	251,974	265,236
Craig	11,781	294,528	275,497	289,997
Delta/Greely	25,329	633,223	592,307	623,481
Denali Borough	14,631	365,771	342,137	360,144
Dillingham	14,430	360,747	337,437	355,197
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	282,790	7,069,757	6,612,942	6,960,992
Galena	43,297	669,507	627,542	659,516
Haines Borough	6,798	169,946	158,965	167,331
Hoonah	5,040	125,936	117,654	124,057
Hydaburg	1,351	33,777	31,595	33,258
Iditarod Area	7,527	188,179	176,020	185,284
Juneau Borough	98,619	2,465,471	2,305,163	2,427,540
Kake	3,892	97,292	91,006	95,796
Kashunamiut	10,921	273,023	255,382	268,823
Kenai Peninsula Borough	184,912	4,622,794	4,324,090	4,551,674
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	45,618	1,140,446	1,066,758	1,122,903
Klawock	2,589	64,720	60,538	63,724
Kodiak Island Borough	57,370	1,434,239	1,341,564	1,412,173
Kuspuk	16,630	415,743	388,880	409,347
Lake & Peninsula Borough	18,312	457,802	428,221	450,759
Lower Kuskokwim	82,341	2,813,763	2,592,076	2,760,980
Lower Yukon	70,001	1,750,031	1,636,952	1,723,107
Mat-Su Borough	279,465	6,986,629	6,535,186	6,879,143
Nenana	11,310	282,750	264,480	278,400
Nome	20,358	508,934	476,049	501,104
North Slope Borough	54,964	1,374,094	1,285,306	1,352,954
Northwest Arctic Borough	72,569	1,814,237	1,697,010	1,786,326
Pelican	517	12,928	12,093	12,730
Petersburg	13,384	334,598	312,977	329,450
Pribilof	5,110	127,738	119,484	125,773
Saint Mary's	5,693	142,340	133,143	140,150
Sitka Borough	28,545	713,635	667,523	702,656
Skaqway	3,133	71,033	67,997	70,310
Southeast Island	6,905	123,855	115,953	121,980
Southwest Region	26,254	655,613	614,189	646,512
Tanana	3,055	76,625	71,674	75,446
Unalaska	6,515	249,162	231,352	244,922
Valdez	18,054	321,038	303,511	316,865
Wrangell	6,133	203,333	190,194	200,204
Yakutat	3,312	82,813	77,462	81,539
Yukon Flats	9,088	227,200	212,520	223,705
Yukon-Koyukuk	34,891	672,268	615,906	658,848
Yupik	16,527	413,182	386,484	406,826
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	7,357	183,924	172,040	181,094
Total	2,649,500	66,379,996	62,058,420	65,351,053

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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 10, 2005

The Honorable Mark Neuman, Chairperson
House Special Committee on Education
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Neuman:

On Tuesday, February 08, 2005, the House Special Committee on Education took public testimony on various education funding bills. Nick Stayrook, Chief Information Services Officer for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, provided testimony during that meeting.

Representative Gatto asked for information on the total student enrollment and number of classroom teachers. Listed below is the information:

Total student enrollment (in FTE)	14,576
Total number of classroom teachers	651
* Total number of certificated staff	974

* Includes certificated counselors, librarians, special education teachers, mentor teachers, physical education and music teachers with no classroom assignments, etc.

In addition, information was requested on the base student allocation. The Fairbanks School Board has not yet acted on a student funding resolution. The Fairbanks School Board will consider a resolution that calls for a base student allocation of \$4,995.00, at its February 15 meeting.

Thank you again for allowing public testimony on education funding.

Sincerely yours,

Ann E. Short, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools

cc: School Board Members
Interior Delegation

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Alaska Council of School Administrators

15 February 2005

House Finance Committee members
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Committee members:

I have a meeting that conflicts with the scheduled Finance Committee hearing on HB 1 and HB 30, so I offer this written testimony for the committee's consideration.

The Alaska Council of School Administrators supports increases to the education foundation program to address Alaska school districts' needs. The Council appreciates the progress made last year to provide additional funds to mitigate against rising costs of doing educational business. We seek a continuation of that forward momentum, so that school districts do not have to further reduce services to children.

ACSA supports HB 1 and HB 30 with the caveat that the Base Student Allocation is not sufficient to meet the needs of many school districts. With additional funds, class size issues can be addressed as well as further attention paid to enhancing student achievement in the curricular areas of state assessments.

Please consider increasing the Base Student Allocation, consistent with the growing needs of school districts. Thank you for your attention and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Francis, Ph.D.
Executive Director

ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS

Advocates for Alaska's Youth

February 8, 2005

Statement by the Association of Alaska School Boards on Foundation Formula Funding

Carl Rose, executive director of AASB, issued the following statement today in testimony to the House Special Committee on Education:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Our 52 member school districts have a huge stake in the legislation before you. Nothing less than the future of our children, and the future of our state, will be shaped by the decisions the 24th Alaska Legislature makes in regards to education funding.

In late January, the AASB teleconferenced with our five largest districts to discuss the accelerated timetable the Legislature has established for considering the state operating budget. School districts appreciate the willingness of the Legislature to consider education funding early in the session. As a consequence, we need to establish our positions and make them known to the Legislature in a significantly shortened timeframe.

After discussions with our largest districts, AASB believes that the foundation formula increased proposed by the administration, while much appreciated as a starting point, simply won't provide the level of state support most of them require in fiscal year 2006. Our organization believes the precedent established last year, when the Legislature provided an increase of \$82.5 million in foundation funding, should guide this year's deliberations on the formula.

(more)

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Using that yardstick, AASB urges the Legislature to increase the base student allocation to \$4,995 and appropriate an additional \$85 million in basic state support for K-12 education.

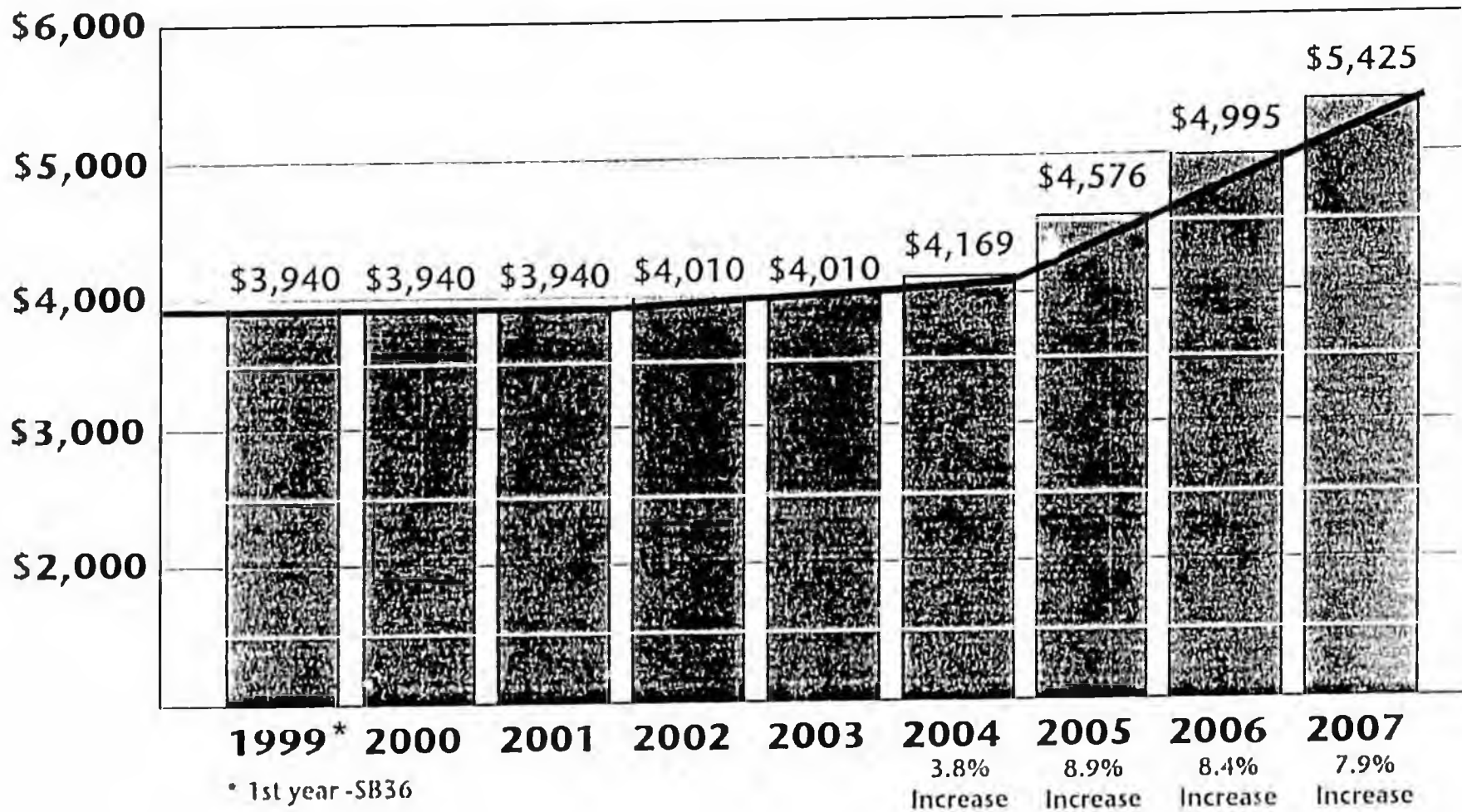
That is the minimum level of state support that is required by most of our school districts across the state. This increase is less than some teachers and parents support, but it is more than the administration has offered to date.

As you know, much of that extra state support will never reach the classroom. Because of requirements for funding increased retirement costs, \$38 million is earmarked for the PERS/TRS systems and \$47 million would go towards instruction and operations. (Note graphs that accompany this testimony).

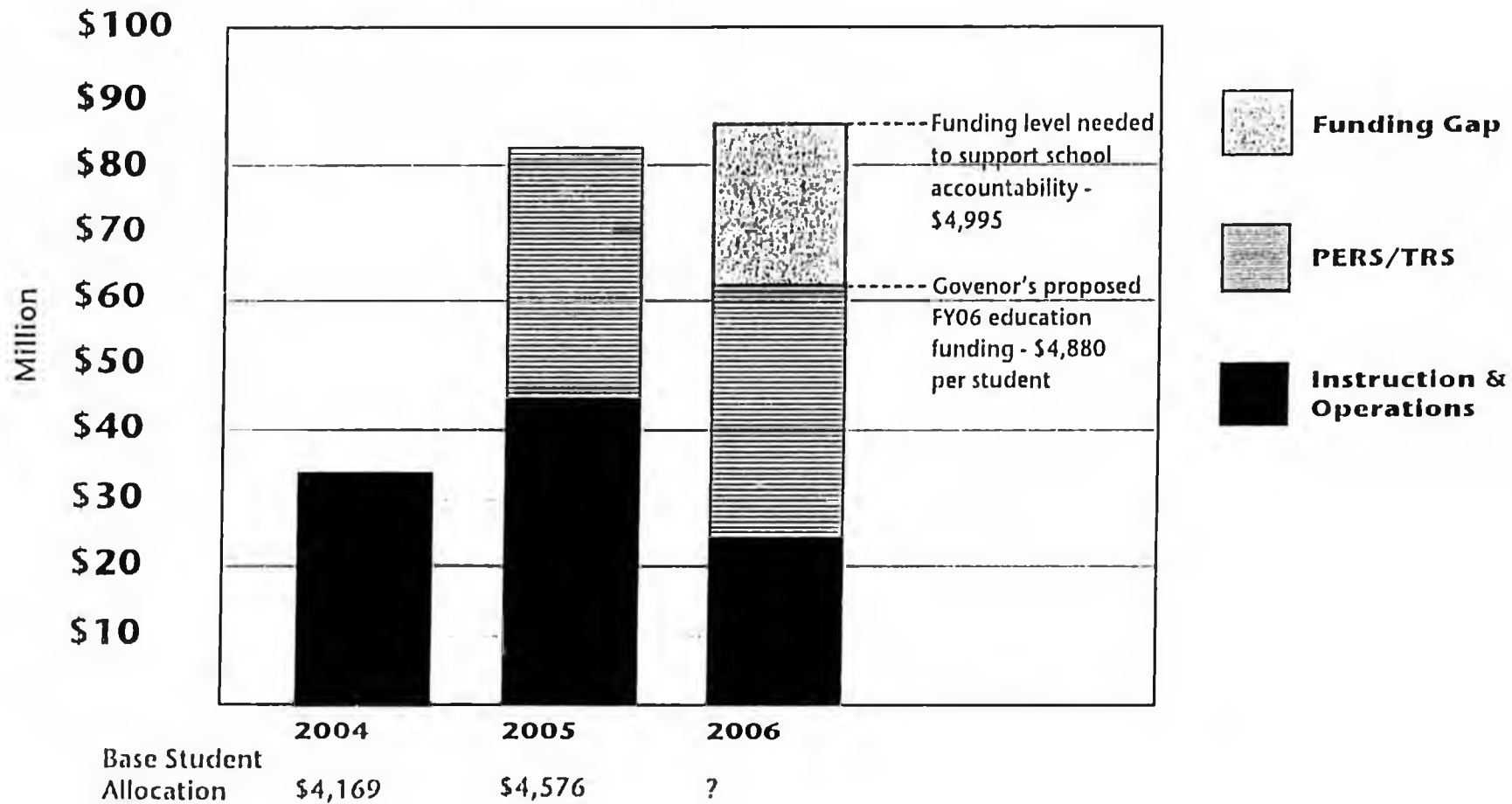
AASB believes that when the Legislature examines the need for increasing the foundation formula for K-12 education, you will see that this is a good investment in the future of Alaska. Certainly, the public will support you in making this investment happen.

Thank you.

Base Student Allocation 1999-2007



Proposed School Funding



School Boards United

The 52 member districts of the Association of Alaska School Boards met in district forums during the AASB Legislative Fly-In on February 13, 2005 and considered the following bills pending before the Alaska Legislature:

Bill/Topic	REAA/Rural Districts	Municipalities	Large Districts
Education Funding HB 1 - Base Student Allocation increase	\$4,995 minimum level in FY06, but not adequate	\$4,995 minimum, but not adequate	\$4,995 minimum, but not adequate
PERS/TRS funding (inside foundation)	Support	Support	Support
Early Funding HB 20, SB 13, SB 23	Support, but need option of supplemental	Support March 15, but need option of supplemental	Support, but need option of supplemental
Limit administrative expenses SB 57	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
School Construction Debt HB 13	Support	Support	Support
School Safety HB 41 Min. 60 days for assault	Support	Support	Support
HB 88, SB 65 Waive minors into adult court	Monitor	Support	Monitor
SB 10 Rerr . damage awards for vandalism	Monitor	Support	Support
Student Health HB 3 - Scoliosis tests	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
HB 85 Self-adminster drugs	Support	Support	Support
SB4 SB 35 First aid classes	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
SB 48 Psychotropic Drugs	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
HB 128 Physical fitness task force	Monitor	Monitor	Oppose
Teacher Recruitment SB 24, SB 31, SB 61	Support	Support	Support

Talking Points on Education Bills

<p>Educational Funding HB 1</p>	<p>\$4,995 minimum needed to provide education mandated by NCLB and higher costs Continue the positive investment trend line established in 2004 Districts already hurting from years of under-funding Many districts already at local funding cap Federal education cuts and under-funding will impact schools</p>
<p>PERS/TRS funding</p>	<p>Appreciate governor's initiative to fund at 100 percent; keep inside formula</p>
<p>Early Funding HB 20, SB 13, SB 23</p>	<p>Good idea to help district planning, but when revenues are available late in session, education should be at the table</p>
<p>Limit Administrative Expenses SB 57</p>	<p>30 percent ceiling is already unrealistic; 32 districts secured waivers this year</p>
<p>School Construction Debt HB 13</p>	<p>Districts have identified \$580 million in construction needs; governor requesting only \$30 million in FY 06 school repairs</p>
<p>School Safety HB 41, HB 88, HB 65, SB 10</p>	<p>School employees must be protected and our schools must be safe from violent acts. But legislature should be careful about removing discretion from the hands of school officials and the courts.</p>
<p>Student Health HB 85, HB 3, SB 4, SB 35, SB 48, HB 128</p>	<p>Districts are skittish about more unfunded mandates from the state and federal government. It makes sense to allow students to carry and self-administer allergy and asthma drugs (HB 85). We will monitor other bills as they move through the process.</p>
<p>Teacher Recruitment SB 24, SB 31, SB 61</p>	<p>Retire-rehire law has helped many districts cope with personnel emergencies & teacher shortages. Cost to the retirement program has been minimal. It's a local option that should be extended.</p>



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
501 N. GULKANA STREET
PALMER, ALASKA 99645

Board Memo No. 05-110

A Resolution of Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board Regarding Education Funding.

WHEREAS, the Governor recognizes the challenge of creating a quality educational system and desires to continue to improve education; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor said in the State of the State Address, "Increases in the retirement system costs and unforeseen energy expenses have put too great a burden on local governments in the short term," and,

WHEREAS, he introduced a funding bill to increase foundation funding by \$62 million resulting in a base student allocation of \$4,880; and,

WHEREAS, increasing student achievement and improving school performance (required by both the No Child Left Behind Act and Alaska statute and standards) will require schools to go beyond status quo operations and institute new or improved programs that meet the unique needs of each student; and,

WHEREAS, increasing student achievement and improving school performance require resources *beyond* those needed to simply address the increased costs of the retirement system and the unforeseen energy expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District recognizes that improving student achievement will require a combination of the following strategies at a minimum:

- Extending instructional time with students,
- Restoring teaching supplies and textbooks,
- Strengthening professional development,
- Strengthening classroom assessments,
- Continuing with curriculum alignment,
- Expanding Career & Technical Education,
- Designing interventions to address challenges from growth and overcrowding; and,

WHEREAS, reaching a level of truly adequate foundation funding that will increase student achievement and improve school performance will require a reasonable and dependable trend of funding increases over a number of years; and,

WHEREAS, by our district requesting a higher level of funding increase for 2006 than currently proposed by the Governor, we recognize that the benefit would accrue not only to our students but also to all students in Alaska, both urban and rural; and,

WHEREAS, the MSBSD School Board strongly supports the funding bill introduced by the Governor to increase foundation funding; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MSBSD School Board requests the Governor and Legislature increase foundation funding in the Governor's bill by an additional \$23 million, for a total F '06

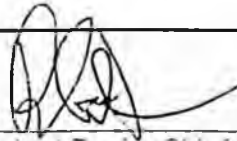
increase of \$85 million. With the resulting base student allocation of \$4995, schools could continue to work toward increasing student achievement and improving school performance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MSBSD School Board strongly opposes any change to its district cost factor (per the 2003 Alaska School District Cost Study). Such a change would negate any increases by the Governor and Legislature by shifting funds from districts with increasing enrollment and rapid growth, like Mat-Su, to districts with decreasing enrollment.

ADOPTED by Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District this 2nd day of February 2005.

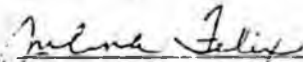


Michael Chmielewski, Board President



Robert Doyle, Chief School Administrator

ATTEST:



Julena Felix, Administrative Assistant



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
501 N. GULKANA STREET
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SUBJECT: 2004-05 Legislative Priorities with Board Approved Changes

Borough

- Comprehensive planning for future school sites
- Fall 2005 bond election for new schools
- Clarification of fund balance issues

State

- Funding for construction of 20 portable classrooms
- Reauthorization of Bond Debt Reimbursement to 90/10
- Foundation Funding
 - Funding to pay for mandatory PERS/TRS increases

Federal

- Fully fund NCLB mandates
- Amendments to NCLB
 - Remove "Students with Disabilities" and "Limited English Proficient" subgroups from AYP calculations
 - Adopt a progress model, versus a cut-score model
 - Offer school-based supplemental support before school choice/transportation; stop requiring districts to withhold transportation funding
 - Require evaluation of supplemental service providers



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Growth – Mat-Su Borough School District

MSBSD is growing by nearly 500 students each year, which is roughly equivalent to the population of an elementary school. We welcome the growth, yet it places significant strain on our existing school facilities and services. While we aren't responsible for the growth, we do consider the district to be a major player in the Valley's growing economy.

In fall 2007, the district will open a new Wasilla-area elementary school. By that time, the district's core area elementary schools will have well exceeded their actual capacity by approximately four 500-student buildings. The State's calculations for building capacity may tell a different story. However, the State's calculation inaccurately reflects available space. For instance, actual capacity changes based upon program needs (special education, for example) and class size. At this time, it is impossible to identify available classroom space in any of the district's core-area elementary schools.

As our community scrambles to address the largest growth rate in the state, we must continue to invest in the infrastructure of our schools. Research proves educated individuals are more likely to be employed and earn more. They contribute to the economy by spending more money and paying more in social security taxes. As education levels rise, the costs of social programs go down. Higher levels of education mean lower levels of spending on welfare, unemployment, health care, and criminal justice.

Business relies on quality K-12 education and higher education institutions to create a highly qualified workforce to serve the needs of a diverse economy and participate in democracy. The status of the local school system is a major quality of life consideration for relocating businesses and employees. Success in our economy requires attracting and retaining individual talent. Quality schools stabilize communities and increase housing values.

Again, we aren't driving growth in the Valley, but yet we must respond appropriately. Currently we're looking for solutions to overcrowding. Bonding for new schools is a major piece of any solution. Debt-reimbursement has been successfully used in the past to construct new facilities and complete major maintenance on our oldest buildings. Extending debt reimbursement may not be possible in light of opposition from the State Department of Education & Early Development and the Department of Revenue. With that in mind, we're requesting creative solutions to problems caused by rapid growth, perhaps to include direct capital appropriations and grants.

FY - 2006 Capital Budget
Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan

District : Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Date: January 24, 2005 Page 1 of 4 Pages

District Priority	Project Location and Description	Primary Purpose	Year for which funding is being requested						Estimated Cost
			FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
1	Settlers Bay Elementary School Big Lake Attendance Area	Cat. B	X						\$13,000,000
2	Fire Alarm Upgrade, Palmer Junior Middle School	Cat. C	X						\$450,000
3	Wasilla High School Remodel Phase III	Cat. C	X						\$3,500,000
4	Re-Roof Su-Valley High School	Cat. C	X						\$1,000,000
5	New South Palmer Elementary School	Cat. B	X						\$13,000,000
6	New South Trunk Road Elementary School	Cat. B	X						\$13,000,000
7	Expand Cafeteria, Replace Gym Floor, Upgrade entry Lighting, Wasilla Middle School	Cat. F	X						\$2,200,000
8	New High School Core Area	Cat. B	X						\$35,000,000
9	New Mid-Valley High School	Cat. E		X					\$7,500,000

Submit with CIP Application

District Priority	Project Location and Description	Primary Purpose	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Estimated Cost
10	Valley Pathways Phase III New Building	Cat. B		X					\$6,451,000
11	Fire Alarm Upgrade, Colony High School	Cat. C		X					\$600,000
12	Reroof Snowshoe Elementary	Cat. C		X					\$350,000
13	Reroof Houston Middle School Big Lake Attendance Area	Cat. C			X				\$1,076,000
14	Fire Alarm Upgrade, Houston Middle School	Cat. C			X				\$300,000
15	Upgrade Running Tracks Three High Schools	Cat. C			X				\$616,000
16	Fire Alarm Upgrade, Colony Middle School	Cat. C			X				\$450,000
17	ADA Upgrades District-Wide	Cat. C				X			\$200,000
18	Lighting Upgrades District-Wide	Cat. C				X			\$300,000
19	Energy Upgrades District-Wide	Cat. C				X			\$400,000
20	Fencing Iditarod Site	Cat. C				X			\$100,000
21	Flooring Replacements Palmer Junior Middle	Cat. C				X			\$250,000

Submit with CIP Application

District Priority	Project Location and Description	Primary Purpose	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Estimated Cost
22	Flooring Replacements District-Wide	Cat. C				X			\$400,000
23	Career Center Addition	Cat. B					X		\$10,000,000
24	Re-Roofing Big Lake Elementary	Cat. C					X		\$350,000
25	Re-Roofing Administration Building	Cat. C					X		\$530,000
26	Flooring Replacements District-Wide	Cat. C					X		\$300,000
27	ADA Upgrades District-Wide	Cat. C					X		\$225,000
28	Reroofing District-Wide	Cat. C					X		\$300,000
29	Internal Renewal Su-Valley High School	Cat. C						X	\$3,000,000
30	Wasilla High School Auditorium	Cat. B						X	\$4,000,000
31	Mechanical Upgrades Wasilla Middle School	Cat. B						X	\$650,000
32	Internal Renewal Big Lake Elementary School	Cat. C						X	\$350,000
33	Lighting Upgrades District-Wide	Cat. C						X	\$300,000

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District Priority	Project Location and Description	Primary Purpose	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Estimated Cost
34	Energy Upgrades District-Wide	Cat. C						X	\$400,000

I hereby certify that the information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed  Date _____

Chief School Administrator

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February 10, 2005

Representative Neuman
House Special Committee on Education
507-465-4822

Dear Representative Neuman,

The Glacier Valley Site Council strongly supports arts education for all students in the Juncau School District. Substantial research shows that the arts positively affect not only children's academic achievement, but their social and emotional development, as well. Here are just a few of the reasons why the GV Site Council strongly encourages the House Special Committee on Education to make the arts a priority in our schools:

- The *No Child Left Behind Act's* definition of core academic subjects includes the arts
- Studies nation-wide show that the arts can be utilized as a remedy for the school district's Five Strategic Goals (Drop-Out, Native Success, Healthy Behaviors, Staff Development, Community), and
- Academic achievement through an arts-integrative model is already established at a local level, both quantitatively and qualitatively.

At Glacier Valley we believe in arts education and would like to see equitable art programs introduced into the schools, especially a visual art program for our elementary schools. The cost for such a program across the district would be \$200,000 per year. We hope that the legislature will consider this program's impact on our children's success in school, as well as the importance of equity in art education across the district. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Glacier Valley's principal, Ted Wilson, at 463-1801.

Sincerely,

Members of the Glacier Valley Site Council