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January 12, 2005

The Honorable John Harris
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Harris:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would raise the base student allocation for students attending public school grade levels kindergarten through 12 (K-12) over the next two years. This bill is an important component of my effort to forward-finance K-12 public education at a level that meets the increased costs our school districts have seen in recent years.

Under the bill, the base student allocation would increase to \$4,880 for fiscal year 2006, and to \$5,190 for fiscal year 2007 and subsequent years. Currently, the base student allocation is set at \$4,576. My proposal will result in a \$62 million increase for school districts in FY 06 and a \$64 million increase in FY 07.

In FY 06, school districts will face an estimated \$39 million increase in Public Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System with an additional \$40 million increase in FY 07. Combined with inflation, the escalating price of keeping our promise to retired teachers and school employees has unintentionally placed our public school system in a budget crisis. School districts are forced to eliminate essential programs and staff making it increasingly more difficult to provide the highest quality of education possible for our children. The funding blueprint I am presenting in this bill will cover those burdensome cost increases over the next two years, allowing our school administrators to proactively manage their budgets so teachers can focus on improving student achievement.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure, so very important to the future of Alaska's public schools and our children.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank H. Murkowski".
Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Enclosure

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: HB 73
(H) Publish Date: 1/18/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
Title An act increasing the base student allocation RDU K-12 Support
for state financing of public schools; and providing for an ... Component Special Schools
Sponsor Rules Committee
Requester Governor Component No. 2735

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	425.1	433.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	425.1	433.5	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	425.1	433.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	425.1	433.5	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 over the next two fiscal years from \$4,576 to \$4,880 for FY06 and from \$4,880 to \$5,190 for FY07.

The funding for 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 14.17.470.

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, Director Phone 465-8679
Division School Finance Date/Time 1/13/05 10:28 AM
Approved by: _____ Date 1/13/2005
Agency Education & Early Development

ALASKA MILITARY YOUTH ACADEMY

FY06 PROJECTION

175 x \$4880 x 7 =	5,978,000
289 x \$4880 x .6 =	846,192
less \$2,100,000	(2,100,000)
	4,724,192
FY06 Current Entitlement:	4,299,078
FY06 INCREASE TO AMYA:	\$ 425,114

FY07 PROJECTION

175 x \$5190 x 7 =	6,357,750
289 x \$5190 x .6 =	899,946
less \$2,100,000	(2,100,000)
	5,157,696
FY06 NEW Entitlement:	4,724,192
FY07 INCREASE TO AMYA:	\$ 433,504

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: HB 73
(H) Publish Date: 1/18/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
Title An act increasing the base student allocation RDU K-12 Support
for state financing of public schools; and providing for an ... Component Foundation Program
Sponsor Rules Committee
Requester Governor Component No. 141

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	62,058.4	63,993.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	62,058.4	63,993.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	62,058.4	63,993.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Agency: Education & Early Development

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School District	FY06	FY06	Difference
	Projection @ \$4,576	Projection @ \$4,880	
Alaska Gateway	4,915,667	5,161,718	246,051
Aleutian Region	1,059,727	1,104,869	45,142
Aleutians East Borough	3,501,788	3,777,227	275,439
Anchorage	223,154,797	243,373,633	20,218,836
Annette Island	1,398,131	1,571,490	173,359
Bering Strait	17,205,353	18,796,143	1,590,790
Bristol Bay Borough	1,239,140	1,369,912	130,772
Chatham	1,733,593	1,856,336	122,743
Chugach	1,905,637	1,969,843	64,206
Copper River	6,032,438	6,445,060	412,622
Cordova	3,087,845	3,339,819	251,974
Craig	3,698,050	3,973,547	275,497
Delta/Greely	8,942,900	9,535,207	592,307
Denali Borough	4,597,598	4,939,735	342,137
Dillingham	4,263,506	4,600,943	337,437
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	72,823,842	79,436,784	6,612,942
Galena	16,058,992	16,686,534	627,542
Haines Borough	1,563,785	1,722,750	158,965
Hoonah	1,535,829	1,653,683	117,854
Hydaburg	767,366	798,961	31,595
Iditarod Area	4,427,089	4,603,109	176,020
Juneau Borough	23,648,457	25,954,620	2,306,163
Kake	1,190,539	1,281,545	91,006
Kashunamiut	2,546,629	2,802,011	255,382
Kenai Peninsula Borough	46,190,906	50,514,996	4,324,090
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	11,703,837	12,770,595	1,066,758
Klawock	1,331,394	1,391,932	60,538
Kodiak Island Borough	15,580,674	16,922,238	1,341,564
Kuspuk	4,610,680	4,999,560	388,880
Lake & Peninsula Borough	5,980,874	6,409,095	428,221
Lower Kuskokwim	39,975,145	42,567,221	2,592,076
Lower Yukon	18,120,223	19,757,175	1,636,952
Mat-Su Borough	83,064,699	89,599,885	6,535,186
Nenana	3,922,379	4,186,859	264,480
Nome	6,359,841	6,835,890	476,049
North Slope Borough	8,451,990	9,737,296	1,285,306
Northwest Arctic Borough	22,227,553	23,924,563	1,697,010
Pelican	404,184	416,277	12,093
Petersburg	3,691,527	4,004,504	312,977
Pribilof	1,258,266	1,377,750	119,484
Saint Mary's	1,992,370	2,125,513	133,143
Sitka Borough	7,265,034	7,932,557	667,523
Skagway	710,547	778,544	67,997
Southeast Island	3,069,832	3,185,815	115,983
Southwest Region	6,817,409	7,431,595	614,186
Tanana	1,027,629	1,099,303	71,674
Unalaska	2,405,593	2,636,945	231,352
Valdez	3,684,508	3,988,019	303,511
Wrangell	2,276,815	2,467,009	190,194
Yakutat	991,431	1,068,893	77,462
Yukon Flats	4,617,236	4,829,756	212,520
Yukon/Koyukuk	11,059,848	11,875,754	815,906
Yupit	4,225,753	4,612,237	386,484
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	1,842,250	2,014,290	172,040
Other	26,096,100	26,096,100	
Total	762,255,225	824,313,645	62,058,420

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School District	FY06	FY07	Difference
	Projection @ \$4,880	Projection @ \$5,190	
Alaska Gateway	5,161,718	5,489,826	328,108
Aleutian Region	1,104,869	1,150,902	46,033
Aleutians East Borough	3,777,227	4,058,103	280,876
Anchorage	243,373,533	263,991,526	20,617,993
Annette Island	1,571,490	1,748,270	176,780
Bering Strait	18,796,143	20,418,329	1,622,186
Bristol Bay Borough	1,369,912	1,503,264	133,352
Chatham	1,856,336	1,981,501	125,165
Chugach	1,969,843	2,035,317	65,474
Copper River	6,445,060	6,865,826	420,766
Cordova	3,339,819	3,596,765	256,946
Craig	3,973,547	4,254,482	280,935
Delta/Greely	9,535,207	10,139,205	603,998
Denali Borough	4,939,735	5,288,625	348,890
Dillingham	4,600,943	4,945,040	344,097
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	79,436,784	86,180,245	6,743,461
Galena	16,686,534	17,306,017	619,483
Haines Borough	1,722,750	1,884,852	162,102
Hoonah	1,653,683	1,773,864	120,181
Hydaburg	798,961	831,180	32,219
Iditarod Area	4,603,109	4,782,603	179,494
Juneau Borough	25,954,620	28,306,300	2,351,680
Kake	1,281,545	1,374,346	92,801
Kashunamiut	2,802,011	3,062,432	260,421
Kenai Peninsula Borough	50,514,996	54,924,430	4,409,434
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	12,770,595	13,858,406	1,087,811
Klawock	1,391,932	1,453,666	61,734
Kodiak Island Borough	16,922,238	18,290,281	1,368,043
Kuspuk	4,999,560	5,396,115	396,555
Lake & Peninsula Borough	6,409,095	6,845,767	436,672
Lower Kuskokwim	42,567,221	45,839,736	3,272,515
Lower Yukon	19,757,175	21,426,435	1,669,260
Mat-Su Borough	89,599,885	96,264,054	6,664,169
Nenana	4,186,859	4,456,559	269,700
Nome	6,835,890	7,321,335	485,445
North Slope Borough	9,737,296	11,047,970	1,310,674
Northwest Arctic Borough	23,924,563	25,655,066	1,730,503
Pelican	416,277	428,609	12,332
Petersburg	4,004,504	4,323,659	319,155
Pribilof	1,377,750	1,499,593	121,843
Saint Mary's	2,125,513	2,261,283	135,770
Sitka Borough	7,932,557	8,613,255	680,698
Skagway	778,544	823,361	44,817
Southeast Island	3,185,815	3,302,015	116,200
Southwest Region	7,431,595	8,057,904	626,309
Tanana	1,099,303	1,172,391	73,088
Unalaska	2,636,945	2,899,856	262,911
Valdez	3,988,019	4,321,283	333,264
Wrangell	2,467,009	2,660,958	193,949
Yakutat	1,068,893	1,147,884	78,991
Yukon Flats	4,829,756	5,046,470	216,714
Yukon/Koyukuk	11,875,754	12,707,763	832,009
Yupit	4,612,237	5,006,350	394,113
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	2,014,290	2,189,725	175,435
Other	26,096,100	26,096,100	
Total	824,313,645	888,307,099	63,993,454

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Governor Murkowski's K-12 Funding Package

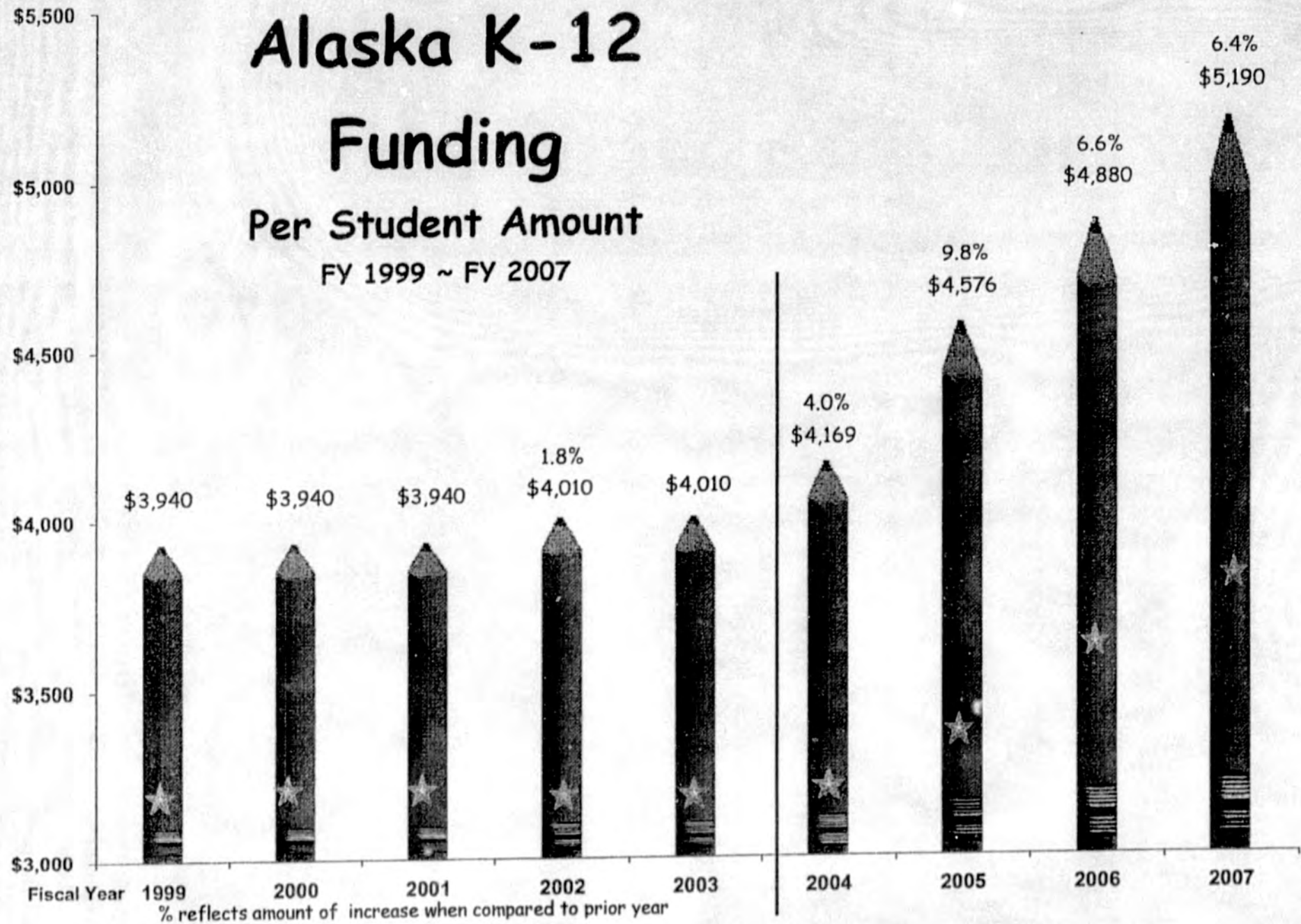
- **Predictability in future funding.**
Approve two years of funding (Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007) instead of only one year so school districts will know on how much state funding they can rely.
- **State pays PERS and TRS increases.**
The state will cover the increased retirement system costs for school districts, estimated to increase \$38 million next year and another \$39 million the year after.
- **More state funds to cover other increased costs.**
Additional funding to cover increased costs of day-to-day delivery of education. Using a three year average for Anchorage CPI, this would provide an estimated \$24 million in increased funding next year and another \$25 million increase the following year.
- **Increase state's "student base allocation."**
Increase the per student education funding formula by \$304 (to \$4,880) next year and by another \$310 (to \$5,190) the following year.
- **The bottom line: \$208 million more for K-12 schools**
The state's support per student will have increased 29% during the first four years of this Administration. This translates into a \$208 million increase in state support for education.

Commitment. Accountability.

Alaska K-12 Funding

Per Student Amount

FY 1999 ~ FY 2007



Rep. Mark Neuman
Chair, House Special Committee on Education
State Capitol, Room 409
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
April 18, 2005

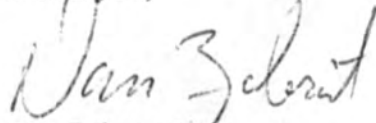
RE: HB 173, Area Cost Differentials for School Districts

Dear Representative Neuman:

As a parent, and on behalf of the Chatham School District, I urge you to support HB 173, Area Cost Differential for Schools, by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. According to the *School District Cost Study Update* completed a few months ago by ISER, Chatham School District will be short \$736,098 due to an outdated and incorrect cost index used to allocate state foundation monies. Rising costs in transportation, fuel, electricity and other factors generated by the remoteness of our Alaska locations punish our students when such errors in the district cost factors are left uncorrected.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts to increase funding for our students' K-12 education, as proposed in HB1, adjusting the base student allocation (BSA) upwards to \$4,919. Passing HB 1 and HB 173 will help greatly to provide safe and well functioning schools for our kids.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Zobrist".

Dan Zobrist, Treasurer
Chatham School Board