

**HB**

**273**



# Representative Mike Hawker

## Alaska State Legislature



### House Bill 273 Sponsor Statement

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### Short Title: Education Funding

HB 273 enacts the three year education funding plan recommended by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force. The bill makes the following changes to our education funding formula statutes:

**Declining Enrollment:** New statute that provides for a "step-down" for declining enrollment over three years. If the current ADM decreases by five percent or more from the previous year's ADM, the district can add 75% of the difference in the first year, 50% of the difference in the second year and 25% difference in the third year to their ADM. This step-down mechanism would not apply to a loss resulting from a boundary change under AS 29. The projected cost for FY09 is \$422,994.

**Intensive Needs Students:** Currently, school districts receive five (5) times the BSA for each intensive needs student. HB 273 would increase that amount to Nine (9) times BSA multiplier for fiscal year 2009 (+\$35.4 million); eleven (11) times for fiscal year 2010 (+\$18 million) and thirteen (13) times for fiscal year 2011 (+\$18.3 million) and beyond.

**District Cost Factors:** HB 273 would phase in 50% of the ISER factors in fiscal year 2009, with the remaining 50% implemented over the four subsequent fiscal years. FY09: +\$48.9 million; FY10: +\$12.6 million; FY11: +\$12.8 million; FY12: +\$13 million; FY13: \$12.2 million.

**Base Student Allocation:** HB 273 would increase the BSA by \$100 per year from FY08 levels for the next 3 fiscal years. FY09: +\$22.3 million; FY10: +\$22.8 million; FY11: \$23.4 million.

**HB 273**  
**Sectional Analysis**

Prepared by Representative Mike Hawker's Office

- Section 1:** Creates a new section in our public school funding statutes that provides a "step-down" for declining enrollment over three years. If the current ADM decreases by five percent or more from the previous year's ADM, the district can add 75% of the difference in the first year, 50% of the difference in the second year and 25% difference in the third year to their ADM. This step-down mechanism would not apply to a loss resulting from a boundary change under AS 29. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.
- Section 2:** Increases intensive needs funding from five times to nine times the Base Student Allocation. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.
- Section 3:** Increases intensive needs funding from nine times to 11 times the Base Student Allocation. Effective Date: July 1, 2009.
- Section 4:** Increases intensive needs funding from 11 times to 13 times the Base Student Allocation. Effective Date: July 1, 2010.
- Section 5:** Phases in the ISER recommendations to change the District Cost Factor. In FY09, 50% of ISER is implemented, with the remaining 50% implemented over the four subsequent fiscal years.
- Section 6:** Increases the Base Student Allocation by \$100, to \$5,480. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.
- Section 7:** Increases the Base Student Allocation by \$100, to \$5,580. Effective Date: July 1, 2009.
- Section 8:** Increases the Base Student Allocation by \$100, to \$5,580. Effective Date: July 1, 2010.
- Section 9:** Effective date of July 1, 2008 for sections 1, 2, 5, and 6.
- Section 10:** Effective date of July 1, 2009 for sections 3 and 7.
- Section 11:** Effective date of July 1, 2010 for sections 4 and 8.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: \_\_\_\_\_  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development  
 Title An Act relating to school funding, the base student RDU K-12 Support  
allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for ...." Component Foundation Program  
 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. 141

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	106,972.7	53,434.5	54,549.4	13,031.3	12,207.4	
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>106,972.7</b>	<b>53,434.5</b>	<b>54,549.4</b>	<b>13,031.3</b>	<b>12,207.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	106,972.7	53,434.5	54,549.4	13,031.3	12,207.4	
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106,972.7</b>	<b>53,434.5</b>	<b>54,549.4</b>	<b>13,031.3</b>	<b>12,207.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2009 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would set the district cost factors in FY09 at 50% of the ISER increase over the original cost factors and implement the remaining 50% over the next 4 years; offers 9x the Base Student Allocation (BSA) for intensives plus it will increase it to 11x the BSA in FY10 and 13x the BSA in FY11; provide a hold harmless provision for those districts whose School Size adjusted ADM has decreased by more than 5% over the prior year, and increase the BSA by \$100 for FY09 to \$5,480, FY10 to \$5,580, & FY11 to \$5,680.

The Legislature funded 50% of ISER in FY08 outside the formula for approximately \$50million and the School Improvement Grant for approximately \$20million. If the \$70million provided in FY08 is taken into consideration, then the actual increase in FY09 over FY08 is approximately \$36million.

The GF capitalizes on the Public Education Fund (PEF).

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 Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency: Education & Early Development

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Identifier (file name): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development  
 Title An Act relating to school funding, the based student RDU K-12 Support  
allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for... Component AK Challenge Youth Academy  
 Sponsor Representative Hawker  
 Requester Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force Component Number 2837

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims		161.8	0.0	161.8	161.8			
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>161.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF		161.8	0.0	161.8	161.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>161.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would increase the BSA for the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy by \$100 for FY09 to \$5,480, FY10 to \$5,580, & FY11 to \$5,680. The resulting increase based on FY09 Projections is \$161,840 each year.

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**ALASKA CHALLENGE YOUTH ACADEMY**

**FY09 Projection**

206 x \$5380 x 7 =	7,757,960
294 x \$5380 x 60% =	949,032
less \$2,625,000	(2,625,000)
	<b>6,081,992</b>

**Proposed \$100 increase for FY09**

206 x \$5480 x 7 =	7,902,160
294 x \$5480 x 60% =	966,672
less \$2,625,000	(2,625,000)
	<b>6,243,832</b>

**Proposed FY09 INCREASE    \$    161,840**

School Districts	50% ISER Implemented	BSA increase by \$100 to \$5,480	Intensive Multiplier from x5 to x9	5% reduction in School Size Adjustment Hold Harmless	YEAR 1 FY2009 funding
ALASKA GATEWAY	617,518	117,094	129,120		863,732
ALEUTIAN REGION	78,404	26,202	-		104,606
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	834,869	92,993	-		927,862
ANCHORAGE	0	6,949,643	14,633,600		21,583,243
ANNETTE ISLAND	489,902	68,645	86,080		644,627
BERING STRAIT	4,212,440	595,688	365,840		5,173,968
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	196,738	49,100	64,560		310,398
CHATHAM	512,836	59,049	64,560		636,445
CHUGACH	98,694	36,067	-		134,761
COPPER RIVER	376,208	136,939	215,200		728,347
CORDOVA CITY	247,730	82,914	129,120		459,764
CRAIG CITY	309,354	106,867	215,200		631,421
DELTA/GREELY	495,029	202,066	172,160		869,255
DENALI BOROUGH	24,767	87,565	64,560		176,892
DILLINGHAM CITY	206,234	115,208	172,160		493,602
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	1,655,169	2,280,888	5,638,240		9,574,297
GALENA CITY	48,564	328,988	21,520		399,072
HAINES BOROUGH	278,433	65,033	107,600		451,066
HOONAH CITY	259,656	37,925	86,080		383,661
HYDABURG CITY	167,061	19,991	21,520		208,572
IDITAROD AREA	603,165	106,582	-		709,747
JUNEAU BOROUGH	2,472,339	841,494	3,120,400		6,434,233
KAKE CITY	213,682	26,263	86,080	121,627	447,652
KASHUNAMIUT	364,985	92,071	86,080		543,136
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	5,801,942	1,535,937	1,786,160		9,124,039
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	1,508,776	383,262	538,000		2,430,038
KLAWOCK CITY	206,830	33,791	64,560		305,181
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	1,977,742	475,148	538,000		2,990,890
KUSPUK	706,120	138,188	-		844,308
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,090,155	166,392	43,040		1,299,587
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	3,257,403	1,161,863	1,312,720		5,731,986
LOWER YUKON	4,248,108	624,434	279,760		5,152,302
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	3,202,095	2,267,036	2,690,000		8,159,131
NENANA CITY	71,767	84,920	64,560		221,247
NOME CITY	412,471	164,477	86,080		663,028
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	2,100,339	453,576	193,680		2,747,595
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	2,545,617	596,770	387,360		3,529,747
PELICAN CITY	24,120	6,577	-		30,697
PETERSBURG CITY	622,914	116,063	236,720		975,697
PRIBILOF	196,521	41,633	-		238,154
SAINT MARY'S	241,256	49,466	21,520	122,004	434,246
SITKA BOROUGH	1,091,017	261,811	774,720		2,127,548
SKAGWAY CITY	15,325	21,518	21,520		58,363
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	373,296	67,126	107,600		548,022
SOUTHWEST REGION	953,257	214,968	129,120		1,297,345
TANANA	76,192	15,976	-	75,274	167,442
UNALASKA CITY	359,049	92,984	43,040		495,073
VALDEZ CITY	235,805	140,200	236,720		612,725
WRANGELL PUBLIC	259,548	65,830	21,520		346,898
YAKUTAT	209,957	26,128	-	104,089	340,174
YUKON FLATS	716,859	116,706	107,600		941,165
YUKON/KOYUKUK	698,782	226,821	129,120		1,054,723
YUPIIT	608,183	145,244	86,080		839,507
Mt. Edgecumbe	310,918	64,562	-		375,480
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,886,141</b>	<b>22,284,682</b>	<b>35,378,880</b>	<b>422,994</b>	<b>106,972,697</b>

School Districts	1/4 increase of remaining 50% ISER	BSA increase by \$100 to \$5,580	Intensive Multiplier from x9 to x11	YEAF 2 FY2010 funding
ALASKA GATEWAY	157,296	121,156	65,730	344,212
ALEUTIAN REGION	20,390	26,573	-	46,963
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	212,641	96,862	-	309,503
ANCHORAGE	0	7,085,643	7,452,800	14,538,443
ANNETTE ISLAND	124,704	71,714	43,840	240,258
BERING STRAIT	1,068,094	618,522	186,320	1,872,936
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	50,014	50,610	32,880	133,504
CHATHAM	130,585	62,025	32,880	225,490
CHUGACH	24,896	36,520	-	61,416
COPPER RIVER	98,489	140,731	109,600	348,820
CORDOVA CITY	62,105	85,244	65,760	213,109
CRAIG CITY	80,406	110,330	109,600	300,336
DELTA/GREELY	126,022	205,959	87,680	419,661
DENALI BOROUGH	7,584	88,303	32,880	128,767
DILLINGHAM CITY	54,851	117,806	87,680	260,337
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	421,543	2,340,958	2,871,520	5,634,021
GALENA CITY	13,520	329,434	10,960	353,914
HAINES BOROUGH	70,899	67,323	54,800	193,022
HOONAH CITY	66,062	39,927	43,840	149,829
HYDABURG CITY	42,924	20,972	10,960	74,856
IDITAROD AREA	153,613	109,377	-	262,990
JUNEAU BOROUGH	347,539	882,276	1,589,200	3,119,015
KAKE CITY	54,136	28,048	43,840	126,024
KASHUNAMIUT	93,816	94,578	43,840	232,234
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,477,379	1,579,418	909,680	3,966,477
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	379,663	395,170	274,000	1,048,833
KLAWOCK CITY	53,036	35,356	32,880	121,272
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	513,931	489,499	274,000	1,277,430
KUSPUK	182,192	141,503	-	323,695
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	280,185	171,890	21,920	473,995
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	848,748	1,189,506	668,560	2,706,814
LOWER YUKON	1,081,779	646,717	142,480	1,870,976
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	869,687	2,307,860	1,370,000	4,547,547
NENANA CITY	19,347	85,872	32,880	138,099
NOME CITY	108,161	167,245	43,840	319,246
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	534,870	465,108	98,640	1,098,618
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	643,417	612,077	197,280	1,452,774
PELICAN CITY	6,266	6,691	-	12,957
PETERSBURG CITY	161,198	121,196	120,560	402,954
PRIBILOF	49,960	42,542	-	92,502
SAINT MARY'S	61,005	50,776	10,960	122,741
SITKA BOROUGH	283,483	274,169	394,560	952,212
SKAGWAY CITY	3,902	21,789	10,960	36,651
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	95,081	69,856	54,800	219,737
SOUTHWEST REGION	244,627	220,619	65,760	531,006
TANANA	19,291	16,327	-	35,618
UNALASKA CITY	93,268	95,081	21,920	210,269
VALDEZ CITY	63,204	143,550	120,560	327,314
WRANGELL PUBLIC	56,062	67,232	10,960	144,254
YAKUTAT	53,752	27,106	-	80,858
YUKON FLATS	182,467	121,026	54,800	358,293
YUKON/KOYUKUK	179,004	231,278	65,760	476,042
YUPIIT	156,142	148,885	43,840	348,867
Mt. Edgecumbe	80,791	66,032	-	146,823
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,574,027</b>	<b>22,842,267</b>	<b>18,018,240</b>	<b>53,434,534</b>

School Districts	1/4 increase of remaining 50% ISER	BSA increase by \$100 to \$5,680	Intensive Multiplier from x11 to x13	YEAR 3 FY2011 funding
ALASKA GATEWAY	160,102	125,217	66,960	352,279
ALEUTIAN REGION	20,761	26,944	-	47,705
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	216,397	100,729	-	317,126
ANCHORAGE	0	7,221,643	7,588,800	14,810,443
ANNETTE ISLAND	127,029	74,784	44,640	246,453
BERING STRAIT	1,087,526	641,356	189,720	1,918,602
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	50,979	52,121	33,480	136,580
CHATHAM	132,961	65,001	33,480	231,442
CHUGACH	25,350	36,973	-	62,323
COPPER RIVER	100,336	144,524	111,600	356,460
CORDOVA CITY	63,347	87,576	66,960	217,883
CRAIG CITY	81,869	113,793	111,600	307,262
DELTA/GREELY	128,372	209,853	89,280	427,505
DENALI BOROUGH	7,724	8,041	33,480	130,245
DILLINGHAM CITY	55,736	120,402	89,280	265,418
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	429,102	2,401,026	2,923,920	5,754,048
GALENA CITY	13,767	329,880	11,160	354,807
HAINES BOROUGH	72,133	69,612	55,800	197,545
HOONAH CITY	67,376	41,931	44,640	153,947
HYDABURG CITY	43,703	21,953	11,160	76,816
IDITAROD AREA	156,409	112,172	-	268,581
JUNEAU BOROUGH	659,320	923,058	1,618,200	3,200,578
KAKE CITY	55,176	29,834	44,640	129,650
KASHUNAMIUT	95,412	97,083	44,640	237,135
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,504,205	1,622,898	926,280	4,053,383
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	386,628	407,079	279,000	1,072,707
KLAWOCK CITY	53,945	36,920	33,480	124,345
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	523,226	503,849	279,000	1,306,075
KUSPUK	185,508	144,118	-	330,326
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	285,229	177,387	22,320	484,936
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	864,134	1,217,148	680,760	2,762,042
LOWER YUKON	1,101,348	668,998	145,080	1,915,426
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	885,510	2,348,684	1,395,000	4,629,194
NENANA CITY	19,753	86,825	33,480	140,058
NOME CITY	110,185	170,014	44,640	324,839
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	544,547	476,639	100,440	1,121,626
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	655,180	627,385	200,880	1,483,445
PELICAN CITY	6,379	6,805	-	13,184
PETERSBURG CITY	164,074	126,328	122,760	413,162
PRIBILOF	50,978	43,453	-	94,431
SAINT MARY'S	62,116	52,086	11,160	125,362
SITKA BOROUGH	288,586	286,526	401,760	976,872
SKAGWAY CITY	4,030	22,061	11,160	37,251
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	96,811	72,586	55,800	225,197
SOUTHWEST REGION	248,966	226,268	66,960	542,194
TANANA	19,641	16,678	-	36,319
UNALASKA CITY	95,020	97,179	22,320	214,519
VALDEZ CITY	64,354	146,900	122,760	334,014
WRANGELL PUBLIC	67,263	68,634	11,160	147,057
YAKUTAT	54,728	28,084	-	82,812
YUKON FLATS	185,899	125,348	55,800	367,047
YUKON/KOYUKUK	182,263	235,735	66,960	484,958
YUPIIT	158,870	152,524	44,640	356,034
Mt. Edgecumbe	82,261	67,502	-	149,763
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,802,524</b>	<b>23,399,847</b>	<b>18,347,040</b>	<b>54,549,411</b>

**YEAR 4 - FY2012**  
**1/4 increase of**  
**remaining 50% ISER**

<b>School Districts</b>	
ALASKA GATEWAY	163,019
ALEUTIAN REGION	21,075
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	220,322
ANCHORAGE	0
ANNETTE ISLAND	129,300
BERING STRAIT	1,106,960
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	51,947
CHATHAM	135,337
CHUGACH	25,803
COPPER RIVER	102,073
CORDOVA CITY	64,365
CRAIG CITY	83,333
DELTA/GREELY	130,610
DENALI BOROUGH	7,860
DILLINGHAM CITY	56,789
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	436,826
GALENA CITY	13,955
HAINES BOROUGH	73,478
HOONAH CITY	68,465
HYDABURG CITY	44,486
IDITAROD AREA	159,203
JUNEAU BOROUGH	671,046
KAKE CITY	56,106
KASHUNAMIUT	97,174
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,531,142
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	393,480
KLAWOCK CITY	54,967
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	532,633
KUSPUK	188,879
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	290,324
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	879,634
LOWER YUKON	1,121,087
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	901,392
NENANA CITY	13,993
NOME CITY	112,098
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	554,278
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	666,831
PELICAN CITY	6,493
PETERSBURG CITY	167,122
PRIBILOF	51,834
SAINT MARY'S	63,168
SITKA BOROUGH	293,799
SKAGWAY CITY	4,044
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	98,541
SOUTHWEST REGION	253,529
TANANA	19,936
UNALASKA CITY	96,661
VALDEZ CITY	65,504
WRANGELL PUBLIC	68,524
YAKUTAT	55,708
YUKON FLATS	189,107
YUKON/KOYUKUK	185,519
YUPIIT	161,766
Mt. Edgecumbe	83,732
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,031,257</b>

**YEAR 5 - FY2013**  
**1/4 increase of**  
**remaining 50% ISER**

<b>School Districts</b>	
ALASKA GATEWAY	158,633
ALEUTIAN REGION	18,684
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	220,263
ANCHORAGE	0
ANNETTE ISLAND	126,109
BERING STRAIT	1,106,961
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	51,891
CHATHAM	135,336
CHUGACH	26,829
COPPER RIVER	90,794
CORDOVA CITY	68,238
CRAIG CITY	76,668
DELTA/GREELY	122,977
DENALI BOROUGH	0
DILLINGHAM CITY	47,334
FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH	327,577
GALENA CITY	7,006
HAINES BOROUGH	73,479
HOONAH CITY	68,524
HYDABURG CITY	42,038
IDITAROD AREA	159,089
JUNEAU BOROUGH	596,599
KAKE CITY	57,188
KASHUNAMIUT	93,814
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	1,458,233
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	412,219
KLAWOCK CITY	51,890
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	489,970
KUSPUK	178,855
LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH	270,788
LOWER KUSKOKWIM	799,661
LOWER YUKON	1,099,955
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH	676,002
NENANA CITY	15,607
NOME CITY	92,389
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	538,842
NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH	686,538
PELICAN CITY	5,696
PETERSBURG CITY	156,298
PRIBILOF	51,891
SAINT MARY'S	63,226
SITKA BOROUGH	258,599
SKAGWAY CITY	3,076
SOUTHEAST ISLAND	95,692
SOUTHWEST REGION	245,782
TANANA	20,506
UNALASKA CITY	88,971
VALDEZ CITY	45,853
WRANGELL PUBLIC	65,048
YAKUTAT	54,453
YUKON FLATS	189,221
YUKON/KOYUKUK	176,689
YUPIIT	156,755
Mt. Edgecumbe	73,706
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,207,442</b>

**From:** Friedman\_Jeff [Friedman\_Jeff@asdk12.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2008 9:07 PM  
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Berta Gardner  
**Cc:** Rep. Mike Hawker; Comeau\_Carol; Steele\_Tim  
**Subject:** House Bill 273  
  
**Attachments:** Task Force Resolution.pdf



Task Force  
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Dear Representative Wilson and members of the HESS Committee:

I am writing to you as the chair of the Anchorage School Board's Legislative Committee. HB 273 will be heard by your committee next week, and I wish to express the Anchorage School Board's strong support for that bill.

The Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force worked very hard last summer. The Task Force heard hours of testimony, and spent additional hours discussing ways to improve education funding in Alaska. The excellent process led to an excellent result. Clearly, the final recommendation contained compromises. At the same time, no vital interest was ignored. The Task Force's recommendations form a solid basis for improving academic achievement throughout Alaska.

I have attached a copy of a resolution passed unanimously by the Anchorage School Board. In addition, the Alaska Association of School Boards adopted a similar position in support of the Task Force recommendations.

HB 273 contains most of the Task Force recommendations (others have been proposed in companion bills). During its deliberations, the Task Force initially thought not to make any recommendation as to the Base Student Allocation amount. After some discussion, it was decided that some increase to the BSA was needed, and that a minimum amount of \$100 additional per year would be included as a place holder. Both the discussion at that meeting and the language of the report indicate that this amount was not set in stone, but was intended solely as the minimum amount that should be considered. Based on current cost estimates, the Anchorage School Board, and AASB, support increases of \$200 per year over the next three years. Governor Palin used this same figure when she adopted the Task Force recommendations and filled in some of the details left open by the Task Force's report.

Anchorage supports phased increases to the District Cost Factors with the understanding that a new study will be completed to update those cost factors. The phased increases in intensive needs funding are extremely important to Anchorage, and are important to districts throughout the state since a single, expensive high need student could bankrupt a small district. Changes to the transportation reimbursement formula are also important.

Because of the phased increases to the District Cost Factors, much of the new money will not come to Anchorage. Anchorage still supports those increases, along with the entire package of Task Force recommendations because we believe that Anchorage benefits from strong districts throughout the state. I urge you to support HB 273 and include with it the BSA levels suggested by the Governor.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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