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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



SENATOR JOE THOMAS

Sectional Analysis SB 57

Section 1

Subsection (c) states that charter schools with fewer than 150 students will have their student count adjusted by the same per-student rate as neighborhood schools with 400 students.

Under the school size factor statute, AS 14.17.450(a), the per-student rate of adjustment for 400-student neighborhood schools is 1.18, which means their student enrollment is multiplied by 1.18 to determine their "adjusted student count." The adjusted student count is the basis for the calculation of state funding provided to school districts.

Subsection (d) is an exception to subsection (c) for charter schools that are either in their first year of operation or had more than 150 students the previous year. It grants these charter schools a one-year hold-harmless period, during which they will receive 95% of the per-student rate of neighborhood schools with 150 students.

Under the school size factor statute, the per-student rate of adjustment for 150-student neighborhood schools is 1.45, and 95% of that rate is 1.38. Charter schools in the hold-harmless year will have their enrollment multiplied by 1.38 to determine their adjusted student count.

Subsection (d) requires charter schools that are in the hold-harmless year to submit a plan for the following year to their local school board. The plan must describe what will happen the following year if the school again has fewer than 150 students and no longer qualifies for the hold-harmless provision.

Subsection (e) defines the term "student rate." The student rate is the base plus the multiplier under AS 14.17.450(a) divided by the student count.

Section 2:

This is a technical amendment creating the exception from the existing requirement that charter schools have at least 150 students to have their own adjusted student count calculation. Without this amendment, the Department of Education would continue to calculate school funding as if the students at charter schools under 150 attended the largest school in their district.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 57
(S) Publish Date: 2/2/09

Identifier (file name): SB057-EED-ESS-01-22-09 Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
Title: An Act realting to charter school funding. RDU: K-12 Support
Component: Foundation Program
Sponsor: Senator Thomas
Requester: Education, Finance Component Number: 141

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| | Appropriation Required | Information | | | | | | |
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| | | FY 2010 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | 714.3 | 0.0 | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | | 714.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | 714.3 | 0.0 | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | | |
| Other Interagency Receipts | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | 714.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

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| Full-time | | | | | | | |
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ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

This bill would increase funding for those charter schools with an Average Daily Membership [ADM] under 150 through the school size adjustment mechanism.

There are two methods to determine eligibility:

1) If the charter school is under 150 ADM, then the ADM count will be multiplied by 1.18.

OR

2) If the charter school has an ADM of 120 but less than 150 and in the 1st year of operation; or had an ADM count of 150 in the prior year but fell below in the current fiscal year, then the ADM count will be multiplied by 1.38.

The GF appropriation capitalizes on the Public Education Fund [PEF].

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Division: School Finance
Approved by: Larry LeDoux, Commissioner

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Department of Education & Early Development
 Prepared 1/22/09

Prepared by School Finance

| District/School Name | FY09 | FY10 | x 1.18 | x 1.38 |
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| | Charter School ADM | Charter School ADM | Cost if Eligible under Sec. 1 (c) | Cost if Eligible under Sec. 1 (d) |
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| ANCHORAGE | | | | |
| A.V.A.I.L. | 59.10 | 54.00 | | |
| Polaris K-12 | 479.00 | 480.00 | | |
| Steller Secondary | 293.25 | 292.00 | | |
| Continuation Program | 32.20 | 26.00 | | |
| COHO | 40.05 | 35.00 | | |
| Whaley Center | 468.83 | 485.25 | | |
| Benny Benson Secondary/S.E.A.R.C.H. | 232.75 | 230.00 | | |
| Crossroads School | 52.65 | 51.00 | | |
| S.A.V.E. | 237.85 | 227.00 | | |
| CRAIG | | | | |
| PACE Alternative High School | 8.50 | 8.50 | | |
| DELTA/GREELY | | | | |
| New Horizons High School | 24.80 | 24.00 | | |
| FAIRBANKS | | | | |
| Alternative Learning Systems | 105.60 | 107.00 | | |
| JUNEAU | | | | |
| Yaakoozge Daahakidi Alt High School | 140.35 | 150.00 | | |
| KENAI | | | | |
| Homer Flex | 36.30 | 31.00 | | |
| Kenai Alternative School | 98.20 | 67.00 | | |
| Peninsula Optional HS | 37.05 | 38.00 | | |
| KETCHIKAN | | | | |
| Revilla High School (Alt.) | 66.55 | 86.00 | | |
| LOWER KUSKOKWIM | | | | |
| Bethel Alternative Boarding School | 33.80 | 33.00 | | |
| MAT-SU | | | | |
| Mat-Su Day School | 37.55 | 40.00 | | |
| Valley Pathways Alternative School | 205.90 | 204.00 | | |
| Burchell Alternative High School | 220.75 | 211.00 | | |
| Mid-Valley Alternative High School | 193.55 | 174.00 | \$ 600,002 | |
| NORTH SLOPE | | | | |
| Kiita Learning Community | 57.50 | 53.00 | | |
| SITKA | | | | |
| Pacific Alternative | 37.75 | 35.00 | | |
| Total Revenue | | | \$ 600,002 | |

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Office of the School Board
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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 09-002**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 57 "AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING."

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board invites support of Senate Bill No. 57 "An Act Relating To Charter School Funding"; and

WHEREAS, charter schools give opportunities outside of the traditional public schools for innovative programs to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, charter schools gain momentum and interest from a broader larger audience as a program is developed in the initial year of operation; and

WHEREAS, charter schools like all schools have fluctuations in enrollment and losing program gravity because of a slight drop in enrollment below 150 students for one year could have a longer term detrimental impact on the school; and

WHEREAS, a school that is not recognized as a school site for funding purposes receives a reduced financial allocation; and

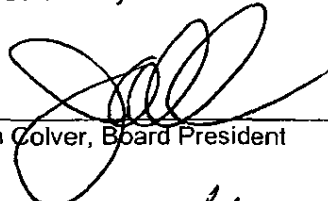
WHEREAS, being recognized as a school site gives economic relief by bringing a greater dollar amount to the school allowing for more comprehensive and adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, this Bill offers the initial year of operation for a charter school as an opportunity to build community support and student numbers and ultimately strengthens the quality of the program and the potential for program and student accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, encouragement is offered to add language to this Bill to lower the enrollment for alternative school's recognition as a school site from 200 students to 175 as a measure to support an alternative school's need for a smaller learning community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board supports Senate Bill No. 57 "An Act Relating to Charter School Funding."


ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board this 18th day of February, 2009.



Jim Colver, Board President



George Troxel, Superintendent

ATTEST: 

Stacy Escobedo, Board Secretary

(copy on file)

Adopted

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AMENDMENT 1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE
TO: SB 57

BY SENATOR *Huggins*

1 Page 1, line 1, following "charter":

2 Insert "and alternative"

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4 Page 2, following line 6:

5 Insert a new subsection to read:

6 "(e) If an alternative school has a student count of more than 120 but less than
7 175 for the current year and is in the first year of operation, or had a student count of
8 175 or more in the previous year of operation, the adjusted student count for the
9 school shall be calculated by multiplying the student count by 95 percent of the
10 student rate for a school that has a student count of 175."

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12 Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

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14 Page 2, line 7:

15 Delete "(c) and (d)"

16 Insert "(c) - (e)"

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18 Page 2, line 10:

19 Delete "AS 14.17.905(b)"

20 Insert "AS 14.17.905"

21

22 Page 2, following line 10:

23 Insert new material to read:

1 **"Sec. 14.17.905. Facilities constituting a school.** (a) For purposes of this
2 chapter, the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the
3 following:

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

6 (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 425,
7 shall be counted as

8 (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in
9 grades kindergarten through six; and

10 (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades
11 seven through 12;

12 (3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 425, each facility that is
13 administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each
14 alternative school with an ADM of less than 175 [200] shall be counted as a part of the
15 school in the district with the highest ADM."

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/2/09

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/1/09

Finance Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 57

SB 57 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

"An Act relating to charter school funding."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS SB 57 (FIN)
- adopt previous SCS or CS ()
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

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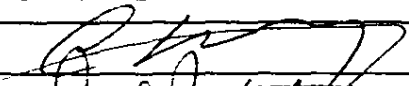
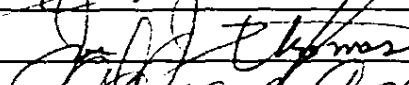

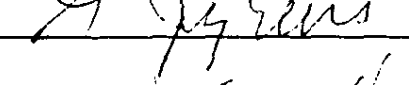
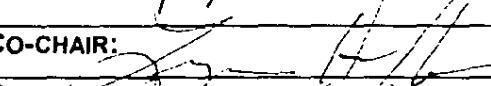
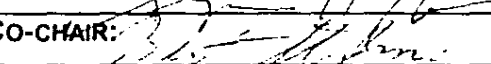
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

| SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS: | PRINTED LAST NAME | DO PASS | DO NOT PASS | NO REC | AMEND |
|---|-------------------|---------|-------------|--------|-------|
|  | Huggins | ✓ | | | |
|  | Thomas | ✓ | | | |
|  | OLSON | ✓ | | | |
|  | ELLIS | ✓ | | | |
| CO-CHAIR:  | | ✓ | | | |
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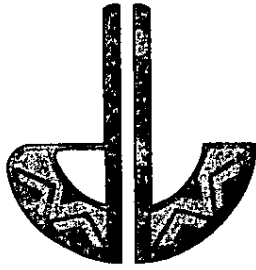
Otherwise if the charter school has an ADM of 120 but less than 150 and in the 1st year of operation; or had an ADM count of 150+ in the prior year but fell below in the current fiscal year, then the ADM count will be multiplied by 1.38.

The GF appropriation capitalizes on the Public Education Fund [PEF].

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, Director Phone 465-8679
Division: School Finance Date/Time 4/1/09 12:00 AM
Approved by: Larry LeDoux, Commissioner Date 4/1/2009

| District/School Name | FY09 Charter School ADM | FY10 Charter School ADM | x 1.18 | x 1.38 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | Cost if Eligible under Sec. 1 (c) | Cost if Eligible under Sec. 1 (d) |
| ANCHORAGE | | | | |
| Alaska Native Charter School [Eff. FY09] | 160.70 | 180.00 | | |
| Aquarian Charter | 361.15 | 360.00 | | |
| Highland Tech Charter | 240.20 | 260.00 | | |
| Winterberry Charter | 184.50 | 200.00 | | |
| Eagle Academy Charter | 164.00 | 165.00 | | |
| Rilke Schule Charter | 209.90 | 240.00 | | |
| FAIRBANKS | | | | |
| Chinook Montessori Charter School | 153.20 | 153.00 | | |
| Star of the North Secondary School (charter) | 200.55 | 201.00 | | |
| Effie Kokrine Charter School | 140.65 | 145.00 | \$ 350,590 | |
| Watershed Charter School [to open in FY10] | - | 155.00 | | |
| JUNEAU | | | | |
| Juneau Community Charter School | 68.00 | 78.00 | \$ 194,684 | |
| KENAI | | | | |
| Aurora Borealis Charter (soldotna) | 184.00 | 185.00 | | |
| Kaleidoscope Charter School | 233.00 | 248.00 | | |
| Fireweed Academy Charter (Homer) | 72.75 | 76.00 | \$ 147,231 | |
| Soldotna Montessori Charter | 161.60 | 161.00 | | |
| KETCHIKAN | | | | |
| Tongass School of Arts & Sciences Charter | 152.40 | 150.00 | | |
| Ketchikan Charter School | 173.30 | 170.00 | | |
| LOWER KUSKOKWIM | | | | |
| Ayaprun Eliitaurvik Yup'ik Immersion (bethel) | 172.05 | 172.00 | | |
| MAT-SU | | | | |
| Academy Charter School | 228.95 | 231.00 | | |
| Fronteras Charter School | 186.85 | 187.00 | | |
| Midnight Sun Charter School | 165.00 | 165.00 | | |
| NOME | | | | |
| Anvil City Science Academy | 44.00 | 44.00 | \$ 21,796 | |
| Total Revenue | | | \$ 714,301 | |

| District & Alternative School Name | FY09 | FY10 | Cost if | Cost if |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Alternative School ADM | Alternative School ADM | Eligible under Sec. 1 (d) | Eligible under Sec. 2 |
| x 1.33 175-200 ADM | | | | |
| ANCHORAGE | | | | |
| A.V.A.I.L. | 59.10 | 54.00 | | |
| Polaris K-12 | 479.00 | 480.00 | | |
| Steller Secondary | 293.25 | 292.00 | | |
| Continuation Program | 32.20 | 26.00 | | |
| COHO | 40.05 | 35.00 | | |
| Whaley Center | 468.83 | 485.25 | | |
| Benny Benson Secondary/S.E.A.R.C.H. | 232.75 | 230.00 | | |
| Crossroads School | 52.65 | 51.00 | | |
| S.A.V.E. | 237.85 | 227.00 | | |
| CRAIG | | | | |
| PACE Alternative High School | 8.50 | 8.50 | | |
| DELTA/GREELY | | | | |
| New Horizons High School | 24.80 | 24.00 | | |
| FAIRBANKS | | | | |
| Alternative Learning Systems | 105.60 | 107.00 | | |
| JUNEAU | | | | |
| Yaakoozge Daahakidi Alt High School | 140.35 | 150.00 | | |
| KENAI | | | | |
| Homer Flex | 36.30 | 31.00 | | |
| Kenai Alternative School | 98.20 | 67.00 | | |
| Peninsula Optional HS | 37.05 | 38.00 | | |
| KETCHIKAN | | | | |
| Revilla High School (Alt.) | 66.55 | 86.00 | | |
| LOWER KUSKOKWIM | | | | |
| Bethel Alternative Boarding School | 33.80 | 33.00 | | |
| MAT-SU | | | | |
| Mat-Su Day School | 37.55 | 40.00 | | |
| Valley Pathways Alternative School | 205.90 | 204.00 | | |
| Burchell Alternative High School | 220.75 | 211.00 | | |
| Mid-Valley Alternative High School | 193.55 | 174.00 | \$ | 600,002 |
| NORTH SLOPE | | | | |
| Kiita Learning Community | 57.50 | 53.00 | | |
| SITKA | | | | |
| Pacific Alternative | 37.75 | 35.00 | | |
| Total Revenue | | | \$ | 600,002 |



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March 25, 2009

Senator Joe Thomas
State Capitol, Room 510
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Joe
Dear Senator Thomas:

Thank you for introducing SB 57, this bill directly aligns with Doyon, Limited's mission statement, which includes promoting the economic and social well-being of our shareholders and future shareholders. The Effie Kokrine Charter School is important to the Alaska Native community in the interior. With almost 25% of our 17,500 shareholders residing in the Fairbanks community we believe that a culturally sensitive school is essential to the well-being of our shareholders.

Therefore, on behalf of our shareholders, Doyon, Limited supports SB 57.

Thank you again and please let me know if we can do anything else to help. I can be reached at (907) 459-2000 or by e-mail at phillipsn@doyon.com.

Sincerely,

Norm
Norman L. Phillips, Jr.
President and CEO

cc: Linda Evans, Principal, Effie Kokrine Charter School



Early Childhood Development Commission

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March 26, 2009

To the honorable members of the House Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on the federal stimulus funding. My name is Cheryl Keepers, and I am here today in my role of staff to the FNSB Early Childhood Development Commission.

I urge you to accept the stimulus dollars, especially those that could benefit our youngest citizens. Science confirms what our grandmothers told us - that the early years in a child's life are critical in the physical, emotional, cognitive and social development of that individual.

While Alaska has many different programs that serve families with young children, there is no early education system. The one-time stimulus dollars would be well used to lay some of the foundation for such a system.

Examples are many, but in the interest of time I'll mention two:

One way to move a system forward would be to pilot the child care Quality Rating and Improvement System developed for Alaska, as recently released by the Department of Health & Social Services.

Another step toward creating that foundation would be to support the work of Best Beginnings, a private-public partnership. They have requested \$400,000 in the Department of Education & Early Development for early literacy and for early childhood coalitions in local communities to increase collaboration, local decision-making, and efficient use of resources, with the long term goal of developing of a statewide system of early learning.

We should not miss this opportunity to use short-term stimulus funding to move forward on Alaska's needs for young children and their families.

A final note: yesterday we heard that the Senate may be considering using stimulus funds for the child care assistance rate increase. While this increase is sorely needed, it should be funded with state general fund dollars, as reflected in the budget adopted by the House.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Keepers
Fairbanks North Star Borough
PO Box 71267
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Rules Committee

Committee on HB199A
Bill / Subject

Committee Name
Dated 3/26/09

My name is Ann Riley Millard. I live in Eagle, AK where I am the part-time site administrator at Eagle Community School. Because Eagle Community School is a small school in a rural community, we struggle to get the instructional materials we need and have no opportunity to address areas that are costing us the most money. I am requesting that the State of Alaska accept the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, especially the \$20,699,000 which will be appropriated for the Department of Education and Early Development.

Following are a few suggestions for ways to use that money which would create jobs and reduce our expenses at Eagle School.

① Over the last 7 years, our average KW usage per month has been ~~7161.6~~ KW and our average expenditure per month has been \$4081.79. If we could get an energy rater to look at our building and suggest ways to reduce this cost and then retrofit our building to produce electricity using alternatives to the diesel generator, it would create jobs and save money.

② We need a part-time librarian to catalog the books that have been donated or purchased with Scholastic Book Club bonus points.

③ We need more money for instructional aides and to upgrade our computers.

SIGNED: Ann Riley Millard
Testifier

myself
Representing

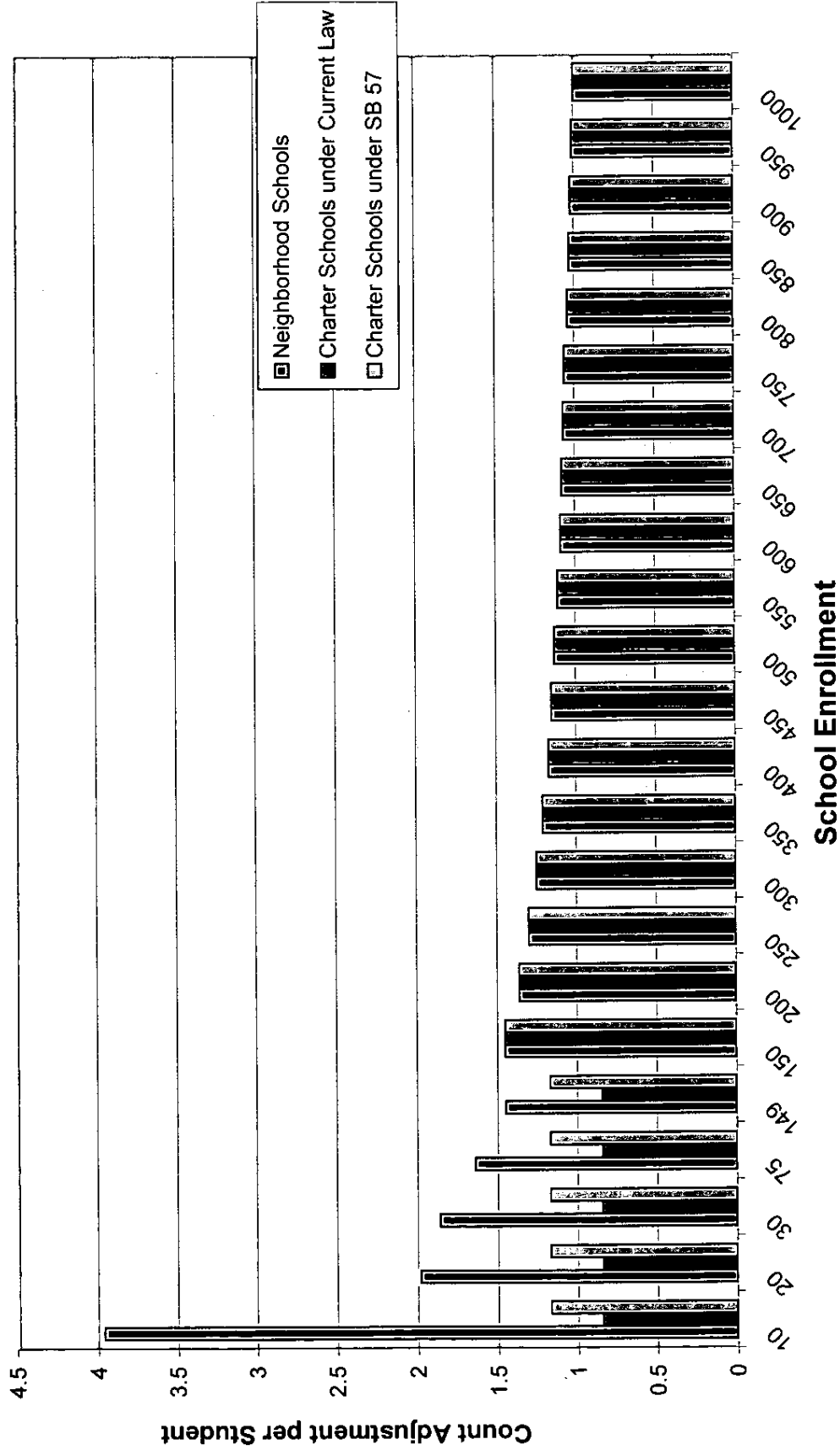
POB 124, Eagle, AK 99738 907-547-2321
Address / Phone Number

④ We have deferred maintenance on our plumbing system that needs to be addressed. I have other suggestions but since I have run out of space, I will end my testimony. Thank you for your attention.

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Adjusted Student Count for Charter Schools vs. Neighborhood Schools

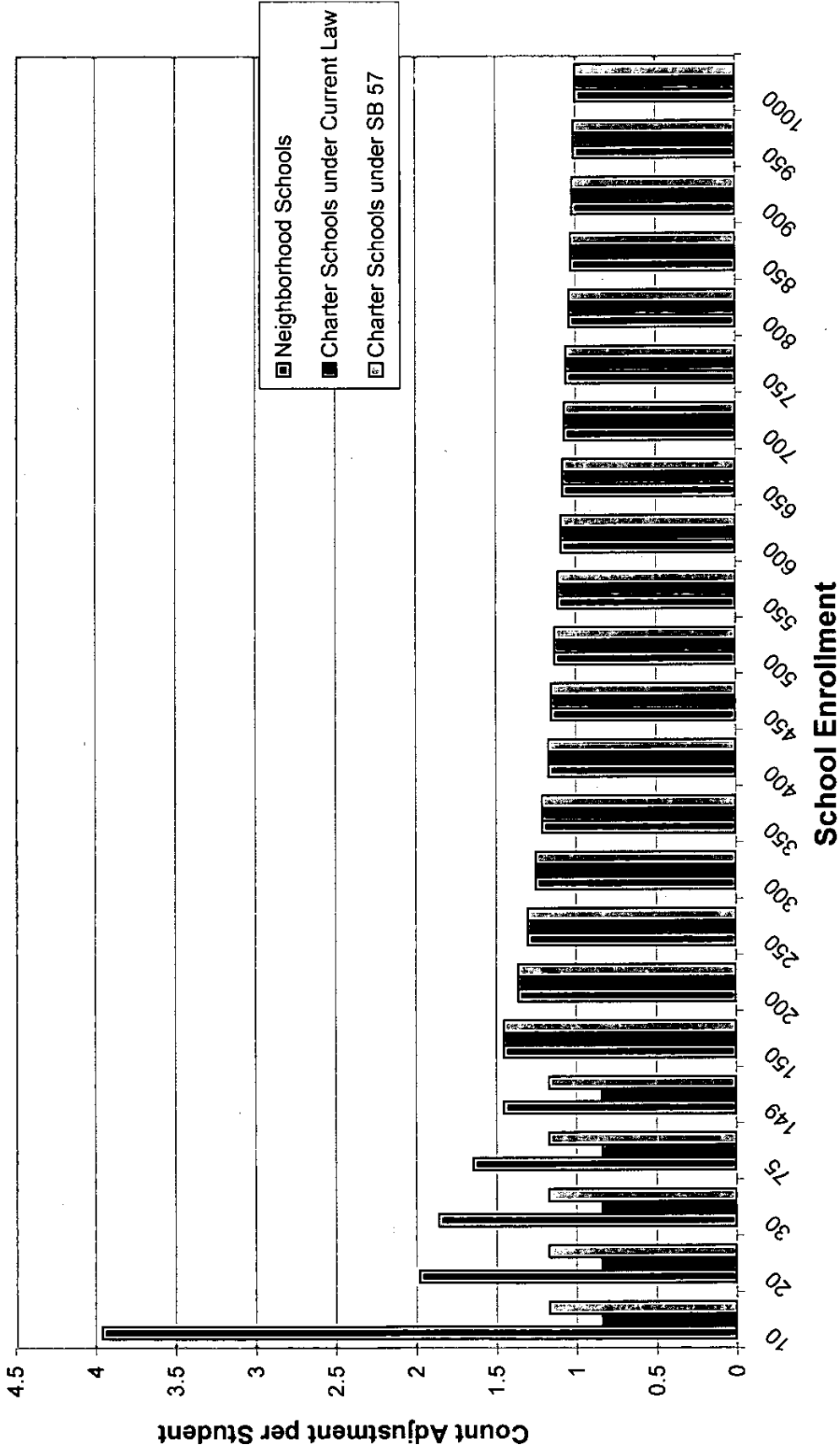
The adjusted student count of each school is the basis of state funding. The number of students enrolled in a school is increased or decreased according to the formula in AS 14.17.450, to determine the school's adjusted student count. That adjusted student count is then multiplied by the district cost factor, the special needs factor and, finally, by the base student allocation to determine the amount of funding.



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* This chart assumes that a charter school with fewer than 150 students has a student count adjustment of .84 under current law, because it is located in a district that contains a school with over 750 students, such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su or Juneau. A charter school in a community such as Kenai, Bethel, Ketchikan or Nome would have a student count adjustment of .92 or .97.

Statutes That Determine Adjusted Student Count

Sec. 14.17.905. Facilities constituting a school.

(a) For purposes of this chapter, the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the following:

- (1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100, shall be counted as one school;
- (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 425, shall be counted as
 - (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in grades kindergarten through six; and
 - (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades seven through 12;

(3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 425, each facility that is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each alternative school with an ADM of less than 200 shall be counted as a part of the school in the district with the highest ADM.

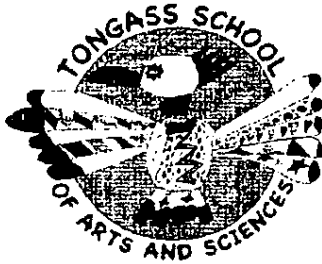
(b) Notwithstanding (a)(3) of this section, a charter school shall be counted as a separate school if the charter school has an ADM of at least 150 students.

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

2/27/09



TONGASS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES RESOLUTION

Urging the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 57, "An Act relating to charter school funding."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE TONGASS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska and other laws and policies of the State require educational opportunities for all children; and
 WHEREAS Charter schools are public schools that provide valuable education options to Alaska families; and
 WHEREAS Charter schools increase learning opportunities and encourage parent and community involvement in our schools; and
 WHEREAS the current state funding system limits communities' ability to create and sustain these innovative programs; and
 WHEREAS current state law results in charter schools receiving 30% to 45% less state funding than neighborhood schools of their same size; and
 WHEREAS Senate Bill 57 funds charter schools with fewer than 150 students at a per-child rate closer to that of average, urban elementary schools; and
 WHEREAS Senate Bill 57 solves the funding problem in an equitable, fiscally responsible manner; and
 WHEREAS Senate Bill 57 will support our schools and districts as they carry out the legislature's intent in creating the charter school law;
 BE IT RESOLVED that the Tongass School of Arts and Sciences Academic Policy Committee supports the passage of Senate Bill 57; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tongass School of Arts and Sciences Academic Policy Committee urges the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 57, "An Act relating to charter school funding."
 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sara Palin, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Gary Stevens, Senate President; the Honorable Mike Chenault, House Speaker; the Honorable Senators Hoffman and Stedman, Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs; the Honorable Senators Ellis, Elton, Huggins, Olson, and Thomas, Senate Finance Committee Members; the Honorable Kyle Johansen, Representative, House District 1; and members of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board.

Michelle Johnston

 President, Academic Policy Committee

February 10, 2009

 Date:

2/27/09

Sen. Kim Elton

From: Linda Newman [newman@alaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 12:35 AM
To: Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens
Cc: Catherine Reardon; Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Fwd: Thank you for Senate Bill 57

Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee: My wife and I are forwarding a copy of this email that we sent to Senator Kim Elton earlier this week. We are sending this to you so that you can see how much we appreciate his co-sponsorship of Senate Bill 57, and so that you will know that we are grateful to you for considering this bill. Thank you for the support you've provided charter schools in the past; we hope you will support this effort to assist Alaska's small charter schools, which currently operate under an inequitable and unsustainable funding scheme. We look forward to the discussion about the bill at your Thursday meeting.

Sincerely,

Tony and Linda Newman
newman@alaska.net

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Newman <newman@alaska.net>
Date: January 25, 2009 11:11:53 PM AKST
To: Senator_Kim_Elton@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: Thank you for Senate Bill 57

Senator Elton: Every year for the past several we've written to you to ask for your help in trying to fund Alaska's small charter schools, including Juneau's, in a more equitable way. We're extremely pleased and excited to be able to write to you tonight and thank you for taking leadership on this issue right away this session, by cosponsoring Senate Bill 57.

If this bill successfully makes it through the legislative process and passes into law this year it will provide relief to the Juneau Community Charter School just in the nick of time. We know that we've said in my prior letters to you that the situation is already urgent, but this year, for the first year in the seven years that we've been involved as parents of JCCS students, we are operating at a budget deficit and drawing down the school's savings. We probably have less than two years of funding left at the rate we're depleting the savings. The Charter School simply can't operate indefinitely on the unfair funding formula that leaves charter schools funded at a per-student rate that is significantly lower than other similar-sized schools in the district. We've all but resigned ourselves to the fact that our kids' school will likely need to close in a year or two because it will simply run out of money. (Believe us, we've exhausted ourselves trying to fundraise out of this mess.)

The importance of this bill for all of Juneau's kids is demonstrated by the fact that the Juneau School District has made more equitable small charter school funding one of its legislative priorities this year, and has resolved to support us in our efforts to correct the current funding inequity. We've just reviewed the bill and have exchanged a few emails with our fellow Charter School parents, and we are in agreement that the approach outlined

through this bill may be the best one yet. This bill makes it possible for small schools to operate, but still maintains the legislature's intent to encourage the formation of larger schools.

In our prior-year emails and letters to you on this issue we've taken much time and space to tell you about our kids and how much they--our whole family--gain from our participation in Juneau's Charter School. All of those things remain true. Our kids are learning so much and so well, but best of all, the Charter School has become an important part of all our lives because of the community that's grown around it.

Let us know what you would like us to do to assist you in securing passage of this bill this year.

Sincerely,

Tony and Linda Newman
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586-2172
newman@alaska.net

Sen. Kim Elton

From: jodi [jodiwynne@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 1:25 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Support for our school

Dear Senator Elton,

My name is Jodi Scolamiero. My husband David and I have our 1st grade son at Juneau Community Charter School (JCCS) this year and hope to have our 2nd son start there next year.

First, we would like to thank you for all your past support for our wonderful school. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to send our children to a school such as JCCS. Without an option such as JCCS we fear our child would not be thriving as he has this past year. Due to his personality and learning style we have determined that the type of education JCCS offers is best suited for our children in that the school is smaller, therefore giving a more secure atmosphere. With the class size remaining the same as the district average, children are able to experience learning in smaller groups as well as giving a multi-grade class situation where each child can benefit from student mentoring as well as being a student mentor.

Next, I would like to add the collective voice asking for your further support for the upcoming bill SB 57 giving smaller Charter schools the same funding as larger neighborhood schools. Without this increase in funding we fear our beloved school will not survive more than a couple of more years. The JCCS is a valuable addition to Juneau's wonderful elementary educational system. The school has proven itself academically with students ranking high on standardized testing scores, and also in that there is a high success rate for students transitioning back into the neighborhood school setting.

SB 57 would not only benefit our existing Charter school but give opportunity for more schools such as JCCS to establish and thrive. This would give parents even more choices when choosing what setting would be best for their individual children. In my opinion giving each child the type of education that works best for him or her is in essence ensuring our future as well as theirs.

Thank you so much for your time and support,
Jodi Scolamiero

Sen. Kim Elton



To: Larry Johansen
Subject: RE: Charter school Bill

Larry--

Thanks. As chair of the education committee, I'm holding a committee hearing on the bill in a half hour and am co-sponsor of the bill.

Kim

From: Larry Johansen [mailto:rowdydog@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 8:05 AM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Charter school Bill

Senator Elton,

I quick word in support of the funding formula equalization bill. I am a charter school parent. We do school jobs to save our school money to make our program happen. My wife and I perform janitorial service and recess duty to save cost. Its not that we mind doing these jobs but we would like to be able to spend our volunteer efforts on jobs that would directle lead to improving oue children's educational experience. AS it is the Juneau charter school is an educational success meeting core standards and for all social classes. Please help us help our kids.

-Larry Johansen
3010 Foster
Juneau, AK

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Dana Owen

From: Comeau_Carol [Comeau_Carol@asdk12.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 3:00 PM
To: Dana Owen
Cc: Sen. Kim Elton; Comeau_Carol
Subject: RE: SB 57

Dana,

Thanks for taking my call just now. I am sorry I am unable to testify tomorrow as I had planned due to participation in a conference call with the new Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. I would appreciate it if you could distribute these comments to the Senate Education Committee members tomorrow.

Dear Senate Education Committee:

The Anchorage School Board does not have a position on SB 57 specifically, but we strongly support our charter schools. We have much concern on the "draconian" funding situation for a charter school that does not make the 151 student count through the count period, particularly in the first year of operation. Many of our charter schools have struggled with this issue and the funding problems that ensue.

The Anchorage School District would like to work with your committee on this important issue. Last year, I suggested that maybe a working group could work on this issue over this session and into the summer. If that was ever possible, I would like to ask that the ASD participate. We have participated on many groups over the years and have some good suggestions on how to resolve funding and facility issues for charter schools. We believe that the public school choices, including charters, are important for parents and students.

I appreciate your commitment to education and the opportunity to provide input.
Carol Comeau, Superintendent
Anchorage School District

Sen. Kim Elton

Sen. Kim Elton

From: payroll@ci.nome.ak.us on behalf of Dana Handeland [dhandeland@nomealaska.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 8:29 AM
To: Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: supporter of SB 57

Donny,

I want to thank you and your fellow Senators for supporting Charter Schools in Alaska. We have actively worked for the past several years to provide a more permanent "fix" to the funding dilemma that we face due to the typical charter school enrollment and the current method of funding. We believe that great strides have been taken with SB 57.

Our school here in Nome has an enrollment of 44 which is capped due to space constraints at the current facility. We are paired with the largest school in our district causing concerns each year of whether we still can continue to provide the Nome community with optional educational opportunities. We have a proven program and a waiting list each year.

We work hand in hand with our district, many times providing a venue to try new methods that can later be implemented into the larger district. Providing a more equitable funding formula for charter schools only furthers the endless opportunities that our Alaskan education system can provide all Alaskan children especially in the future.

Thank you again for your continued support. The community of Nome appreciates this most important work for our children.

Dana Handeland
Anvil City Science Academy, APC member

Sen. Kim Elton

From: Jeri Kohlin [jeri_kohlin@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 1:35 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: Senate Bill 57

To: The Senate Education Committee

Dear Senators,

First of all, I would like to thank each of you for your past support to increase charter school funding. Secondly, I would like to ask the Education Committee to, please, support SB 57 making it possible for charter schools of 150 or less to receive funding based on the same per student rate as larger schools. Our school, Juneau Community Charter School, offers an educational program that isn't available elsewhere in the school district. Although the overall school size is small, class size is no smaller than elsewhere in the school district. JCCS is able to support *every* child's attitude and enthusiasm towards learning, provides highly enriched curriculum while developing strong thinking skills while implementing increased parental involvement, multi-age classes, trips into the community, teacher autonomy, more opportunities for parent/teacher interaction than if he attended a larger neighborhood school. JCCS is a good "fit" for the needs of my child and family specifically because the curriculum is individualized to challenge each child at their skill level, in all domains, while supporting positive self esteem, diversity, and community involvement.

JCCS has proven itself educationally. Its students perform well on standardized tests and do well when they transition back into the neighborhood school settings. The Juneau school district supports this bill and has included increased charter school funding in its list of legislative priorities as well.

Education isn't one size fits all. It's important for families to have choice. Different settings are a better fit for some children and their families than others. All children should be allowed the opportunity to learn and succeed in a way that reaches their own unique learning style. We value our school, how it impacts our family, and the community of families (which includes staff and volunteers) that make it happen and strongly feel our children should not be penalized by inadequate funding. Currently, the funding situation is so inadequate that our school will have to close within 2-3 years.

Please, support our students and schools by authorizing same per student rate as larger schools receive. If we as parents felt the local neighborhood schools were the best fit for meeting the individual needs of our children, they would be attending those schools now and receiving the funds we are asking for now. But that is not the case, please, support our children now where they are excelling.

Thank you for your consideration and support,
Jeri Kohlin

Sen. Kim Elton

Sen. Kim Elton

From: jgeselle@gci.net on behalf of Jon Geselle [jgeselle@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 2:47 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens
Cc: Catherine Reardon
Subject: In support of SB 57

Dear Senators,

We are writing to thank you for your past support for charter schools. Your support is critical to providing educational options for the next generation of Alaskans.

We are also writing to express our support of SB 57. Should this bill pass it would allow smaller school districts across the state to offer charter school options to the families they serve. This is important for many reasons, but foremost is the fact that not all students thrive in a traditional academic setting.

To this, we speak from experience. Our son Ezra has excelled at the Juneau Community Charter School because of the arts integrated curriculum and small overall school size. In this environment his social confidence has steadily grown allowing him to experience successes he did not have in a larger school setting.

I hope that you too will support SB 57, thus providing educational options for the future of Alaska.

Thank you,

Annie & Jon Geselle

Sen. Kim Elton

From: Diane Cathcart [Diane_Cathcart@ci.juneau.ak.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 2:53 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens
Cc: Catherine Reardon
Subject: Support for SB57

Dear Senators and Staff,

Thank you for taking a moment out of your busy schedules to read this email.

I am writing to request your full support of SB57-An Act Relating to Charter School Funding.

As you are well aware; education is not a one size fits all. It is important for families to have a choice and different settings are a better fit for different children and their families. By creating more equitable funding it helps ensure small charter schools will continue to exist. Small Charter Schools are constantly trying to reach out to families with diverse needs for their children; whether it is a smaller overall school size so children don't feel "lost" in the crowd or children that have special learning needs. Small Charter Schools have the ability to help more children that are in danger of falling through the cracks, *if* they are properly funded. In my humble opinion this also helps relieve the stress larger schools may feel from trying to help children in need while maintaining the needs of the general school populous.

Full funding for ALL our children and schools should be every Alaskans priority; we owe it to our children and their future.

Thank you for your time and your service to our State.

Sincerely,

Diane Cathcart (Juneau Community Charter School 4/5/6 Class parent)
310 Irwin St Apt B
Juneau, AK 99801
907-523-2166

Sen. Kim Elton

From: Tim and Jeannie [tjmaxa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 9:44 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: SB 57 - Charter school funding

January 27, 2009

Dear Senator Elton,

I am writing to express my support for SB57. I believe legislation like this will provide more equitable funding for small charter schools. I like SB 57 because it is comprehensive and effectively addresses the very different needs of different types of small charter schools and their host school districts.

I currently have two children attending the Juneau Community Charter School. My eleven year old son has attended the charter school for all 6 years of his education and my youngest son is in first grade.

I believe Charter schools are an important way to provide for school choice in Alaska and support parent involvement in education. We are very happy that the Juneau Community Charter School exists to provide a small school environment (a total of 66 children in the school) and involve parents in the school in meaningful ways. I want my children to be educated in a small environment and want to be involved in their education. We like the multi-age classrooms, the daily interaction between children of different ages, and the whole child view of education.

Since home schooling is not an option for our family due to employment obligations we are happy to have a charter school available to address many of our needs. My older son was born with a serious congenital heart defect that has required many open heart surgeries and has had special physical needs. We have greatly appreciated him being able to attend a small school where his needs are known and met within the regular classroom.

I believe Charter Schools have an important place in Alaska's education system. I hope that through your efforts, solutions to the challenges faced especially by small charter schools can be addressed. The current funding situation means it is very difficult for a charter school with under 150 students to operate. Alaska is a state of small numbers and we need legislation that will allow charter schools of all sizes to thrive. Without this legislation our charter school may have to close in the next 2-3 years. SB57 will make a big difference and allow small charter schools to survive in Alaska and offer valuable educational alternatives throughout the state.

Please support more equitable funding of charter schools to allow educational options around the state. Thanks very much for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Monk
Juneau Community Charter school parent

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Tim, Jeannie, Max and Aaron

Sen. Kim Elton

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From: aukebaybetty@alaska.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 8:06 AM
To: Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Donny Olson
Cc: Catherine Reardon
Subject: SB 57
Attachments: Dear Senator Elton.docx



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Dear Senate Education Committee Members: Senator Elton, Senator Davis, Senator Huggins, Senator Stevens and Senator Olson,

Attached is a letter in support of SB 57. Please share your support with other Senators and House Members to help pass this bill.

Thank you very much for your support.

Beth Rivest

January 26, 2009

Dear Senator Elton, Senator Davis, Senator Olson, Senator Huggins and Senator Stevens; members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 57. It is a well written piece of legislation that would help small charter schools continue to serve students all across Alaska. These students' schools are in need of more equitable funding to support salaries and supplies. I am grateful you support charter schools as an option for parents to meet their child's needs.

I have three children in the Juneau School District public school system. I chose to enroll in the lottery when my eldest child was in the first grade. Luckily she got in the charter school and since the second grade it has been a wonderful educational and social environment for her and her siblings.

While I attended Arizona State University as a college student, I took almost every math class offered. I have always loved math and the sciences. The methods used to teach math at the charter school are rigorous, build solid understandings of number patterns and such strong flexibility in solving problems that I sincerely wished I had had the opportunity to be exposed to and to learn math in such a progressive, skill-building, visual way. It is exciting to see students experience this type of meaningful math.

I attended public school throughout my life and I loved school, however I believe my children are far more comfortable and intensely involved in their projects while also thoroughly enjoying attending school. They are being given an exceptional chance to become all they can. The projects that incorporate writing, research, art, social studies/science and teambuilding are solid methods of fun and learning. The parents of these students become involved as well and work hard to support this small charter school.

The Juneau Community Charter School is in need of financial support. Parents contribute by supporting teachers in the classroom, helping teachers prep for the week to come, we work around the school facility to build shelves, clean and make it work efficiently. Parents also work very hard to fundraise to meet the financial commitments it takes to run the charter school. It is sorely underfunded at present.

The charter school has been part of the Juneau School District, serving a wide array of students for over ten years. It sets high standards and builds leadership, competence and love of our environment in such a compassionate manner.

To be very honest, if it were not for the charter school, I know I would begin a small child-care business and home school my children.

It has been stated, from President Obama to our Governor's State of the State, that education is one of the top legislative priorities. I sincerely hope that funding small

charter schools, through creative use of resources, educate children in a way that many children need, to become successful is also a priority within your committee.

In Alaska, small charter schools are funded dramatically lower per student compared to district counterparts. This bill recognizes charter schools as important options and is an attempt to balance educational funding per student at a reasonable percentage.

Please continue your support and know that small charter schools are doing important works on behalf of students all across Alaska, in particular here in Juneau. Please know that besides the many, many parents and educators who believe in the success of small charter schools and its' students high achievement, test scores and critical thinking skills we have no lobbying force to help other Senators or House members understand this issue. Please I ask each of you to help by sharing your support for SB 57.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Senate Bill 57.

Sincerely,

Beth Rivest, wife of a hard-working, small business owner; loving and caring parent of three wonderful children; and a member of the Juneau Community.

Sen. Kim Elton

Sen. Kim Elton

From: Rhonda Vaughan [rhonda.vaughan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 9:38 AM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Supporting Charter Schools

Dear Mr. Elton,

I'm a parent at Juneau Community Charter School. I'm writing to you to express my hope that the Charter School funding bill be passed.

If this bill is passed, it would mean a lot to the Charter School families. One major improvement would be the benefit of having buses for the children. Currently, all families drive the children to Charter School. Driving downtown twice a day to Charter School adds many miles to our car and uses a lot gasoline; both have an impact on the environment. In this time of economic and environmental crisis, a small thing like buses would make a great change!

Safety would also be improved if the Charter School received bus service. Students who live downtown can walk to school, but with snow covered sidewalks, they have to walk on the street, which presents a safety hazard. Parking is very limited at the Charter School, making drop off and picks up potentially dangerous. Parents have to find a parking spot that allows space for a car, yet not get hit. Children have to use extra caution when crossing the street, and as is common with young children, they sometimes don't look before they leap.

Thank you for your time in reading this, Sen. Elton. The families at Juneau Community Charter School are eager to see the Charter School funding bill passed.

Regards,

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Rhonda Vaughan

209-8950

Dana Owen

From: Sen. Kim Elton
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:55 AM
To: Dana Owen
Subject: FW: SB57

-----Original Message-----

From: sarah hopkins [mailto:hopkins_sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 5:07 PM
Subject: SB57

January 28, 2009

Dear Senators,

This letter is in regards to Senate Bill 57 which will have its first hearing in front of the Senate Education Committee on Thursday January 29th. The bill addresses funding for small (charter) schools.

I support this bill because it will benefit the Juneau Community Charter School. My son is currently enrolled at JCCS. I believe that ALL students can be the most successful in school when they are in an environment that best fits their educational and social needs. This is the case for my son, and daughter, and as parents my husband and I try to find our children's best "fit" educationally. I hope to enroll my daughter as a 7th grader next year at JCCS. If Bill 57 is passed, this may be more possible.

With the funds that Bill 57 would provide, JCCS could be more accessible (in terms of growth) and serve a greater number of Juneau families. A community is more enriched when families have as many educational choices as possible for their children. Students are more successful when they are in an environment where they feel safe and are motivated and interested in their own education. No child is alike, and providing Juneau's students with a choice of educational environments addresses the educational needs of all our children. Juneau Community Charter School plays a vital roll in the school district in meeting these needs.

The Juneau Community Charter School APC members (made up of parent volunteers), other JCCS families, and teachers, have put in many hours of research and work in coming up with a plan of how JCCS can offer additional classrooms and serve a greater number of families. Bill 57 will support these efforts. Please give your support for this bill. Thank-you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hopkins

Dana Owen

From: Sen. Kim Elton
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:55 AM
To: Dana Owen
Subject: FW: Please Support Charter School Legislation

From: Elise and Jay Boyer [mailto:ejez_2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 5:16 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Please Support Charter School Legislation

Dear Chairman Elton:

I understand that you will be considering a bill this week to correct the funding inequities that hamper small charter schools in Alaska. I heartily encourage you to pass this bill. My husband and I have been so happy with our sons' charter school experiences, both in Homer (Fireweed Academy), and in Juneau, at the Juneau Community Charter School. Although these schools are different in many ways, they are wonderful examples of how the charter school law can enable our public school system to reach students in ways the traditional programs may not. I have learned that "one size" does not fit all in education, and our children benefit from choices in program. When those choices can be made available to all, regardless of income or test scores, then our state is truly doing them a service.

Treating small programs as if they have the economies of scale of the largest schools in the state has always been an unfortunate glitch in the current law (although there are some who see it as a deterrent to the explosion of small schools). The proposed bill will correct that problem, and enable our students to continue to share in the promise of the charter school system. In fact, in our case in Juneau, it will enable us to achieve even more diversity than we already enjoy, by making it possible to hire employees who can serve students with special needs and to provide bus service to children who need it.

I know times are tough. I hope you will see that this bill is worth the investment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elise Nacht Boyer
780-2528

Dana Owen

From: Catherine Reardon
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 4:38 PM
To: Dana Owen
Subject: FW: Support for our school

From: jodi [mailto:jodiwynne@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 1:25 PM
To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Support for our school

Dear Senator Elton,

My name is Jodi Scolamiero. My husband David and I have our 1st grade son at Juneau Community Charter School (JCCS) this year and hope to have our 2nd son start there next year.

First, we would like to thank you for all your past support for our wonderful school. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to send our children to a school such as JCCS. Without an option such as JCCS we fear our child would not be thriving as he has this past year. Due to his personality and learning style we have determined that the type of education JCCS offers is best suited for our children in that the school is smaller, therefore giving a more secure atmosphere. With the class size remaining the same as the district average, children are able to experience learning in smaller groups as well as giving a multi-grade class situation where each child can benefit from student mentoring as well as being a student mentor.

Next, I would like to add to the collective voice asking for your further support for the upcoming bill SB 57 giving smaller Charter schools the same funding as larger neighborhood schools. Without this increase in funding we fear our beloved school will not survive more than a couple of more years. The JCCS is a valuable addition to Juneau's wonderful elementary educational system. The school has proven itself academically with students ranking high on standardized testing scores, and also in that there is a high success rate for students transitioning back into the neighborhood school setting.

SB 57 would not only benefit our existing Charter school but give opportunity for more schools such as JCCS to establish and thrive. This would give parents even more choices when choosing what setting would be best for their individual children. In my opinion giving each child the type of education that works best for him or her is in essence ensuring our future as well as theirs.

Thank you so much for your time and support,
Jodi Scolamiero

Dana Owen

From: Sen. Kim Elton
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:45 AM
To: Dana Owen
Subject: FW: Support for SB 57

-----Original Message-----

From: Hubert Angaiak [mailto:hangaiaak@gci.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 7:40 AM
To: Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: Support for SB 57

Honorable Senators,

I would like to thank you for your continued support in providing the best education for Alaska's children. I fully support SB 57 and I urge you to pass it. Charter Schools provides a positive alternative in education for our children. We are always looking for solutions in providing what's best in education for our children and Charter Schools are part of the solution.

Thank you.

kind regards,
Hubert Angaiak
Bethel, Alaska 99559
907-543-3074



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**Position Statement on SB 57
Charter School Funding**

In 1995, AASB supported the creation of charter schools in statute. Over the years, school boards have subsidized and otherwise assisted local charter schools in providing Alaska families with a viable choice in public education.

AASB encourages the Legislature to amend AS 14.17.450 as outlined in SB 57 to establish a more equitable means of funding charter schools.

School boards find themselves caught between local citizen initiatives to create choices within public schools and an inadequate funding stream in statutes that require supplemental funding from local districts.

Joe Hardenbrook

From: Lisa Leeper [lleeper@nomeschools.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2009 9:02 PM
To: Sen. Joe Thomas
Subject: Support for SB 57

Dear Senator Thomas,

I teach at Anvil City Science Academy in Nome. I hope that you will consider the following points in order to help SB 57 pass this stage with the Finance Committee in order that it may be heard by all and voted upon.

Respectfully,

Lisa Leeper

Teacher, Anvil City Science Academy

- Charter schools are public schools that provide valuable education options to Alaska families.
- The existing school funding law results in charter schools that enroll fewer than 150 students receiving 30% to 45% less state funding than neighborhood schools of their same size.
- Inequitable funding limits communities' ability to create and sustain these schools.
- There is a dramatic decrease in funding (\$500,000 - \$700,000 loss) when a charter school's enrollment drops from 150 students to 149, which creates a financial crisis for both the school and its host district.
- Senate Bill 57 solves the funding problem in an equitable, fiscally responsible manner.
- SB 57 funds charter schools with fewer than 150 students at the same per-student rate as neighborhood schools with 400 students.
- SB 57 contains a one-year, hold-harmless provision for charter schools that are either in their first year of operation or had more than 150 students the previous year, reducing the financial damage to their district.
- SB 57 will allow school districts to carry out the intent of the legislature in creating the charter school law, by increasing quality education options available to Alaska families.
- SB 57 is supported by the Alaska Association of School Boards, and superintendents and parents of charter school students from across the state. The bill has been co-sponsored by Senators Thomas, Stevens, Elton, and Davis.

Joe Hardenbrook

From: nsfhi@gci.net on behalf of Coach Hank and Asaaluk Irelan [nsfhi@gci.net]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 9:29 AM
To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Joe Thomas
Subject: Re: SB 57

ACSA Parents and Supporters,

Dear Senate Finance Committee members:

Below are talking points given to me by an excellent teacher and administrator of Nome's Anvil City Science Academy (ACSA); however, I would like to add that having been a part of ACSA since its inception that it has provided exceptional instruction for our students, it has led the way in many areas now adopted by the other parts of the Nome Public School system.

Also, ACSA has done this with less money then the other parts of the school system. With a leaking roof, windows blowing in during storms, help from parents and an excellent staff ACSA has maintained quality in its education. This shows what a local team can do, students, parents, teachers and staff. We would like to have the legislature join this sucessful concept and pass SB57.

Thanks,

Hank Irelan
 Nome, Alaska

PS. After fours years of ACSA my Freshman son at Nome Beltz High School (cross my fingers that it continues) has made streight A's for the first semester. Plese help continue this legacy for future studetns of Nome.

Here are some talking points for any e-mails, phone calls, or letters.

- Charter schools are public schools that provide valuable education options to Alaska families.
- The existing school funding law results in charter schools that enroll fewer than 150 students receiving 30% to 45% less state funding than neighborhood schools of their same size.
- Inequitable funding limits communities' ability to create and sustain these schools.
- Charter schools may have fewer than 150 students because:
 - Community factors result in a an unexpected and temporary dip below 150
 - A new school may have difficulty reaching 150 in its first year

- The targeted student population the school is designed to help is not sufficiently large (e.g., at-risk middle schoolers)
 - A charter school with more than 150 would have an adverse impact on the community's neighborhood schools
 - A small school size is critical to the success of the program.
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Joe Hardenbrook

From: Vickie Erickson [mitchvicky@gci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 9:46 AM
To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Johnny Ellis
Cc: Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Joe Thomas
Subject: SB 57

Dear Senators,

I would like to thank all of you in your past support of for schools in Alaska, especially those that are small in numbers and therefore needing more support when it comes to funding issues. I am requesting your support for the passage of SB 57.

Charter Schools allow parents, community members, and teachers to be in charge of developing unique educational programs and to be involved in decision making for school policies. As a parent of three Charter School children and two more that will soon be in Charter schools, it means a lot to me to be involved in school policies and the operations of our school. Our educational process is very flexible, which provides for the needs of our children and parents alike.

The Anvil City Science Academy has been in operation for eleven years now, it was created by parents, teachers, and many community members who were interested in a family oriented school characterized by high academic standards and a well-rounded curriculum, with an emphasis in science and math. The Science Academy serves 5th through 8th grade students who come to the school with a wide variety of backgrounds, learning styles, experiences, and needs. We are able to address the individual differences and learning styles, and creativity we see an increase in learning and creativity for all students. Our students at this time are involved in a salmon habitate restoration project grant from the Department of the Interior, and are working with Charlie Lean of Norton Sound Economic Development Company ,because of this project the Academy students were nominated and won the "Spirit of Youth" award in the catagory of Science . Another project that is noteworthy is the Artist in Schools project in which students are interviewing Nome residents in preparation for writing a play about the last 50 years in Nome.

Anvil City Science Academy has 44 students, with two and half certified teachers, no support personnel. This gives the school the needed flexibility to provide opportunities to the studetns to go beyond the traditional classroom walls in order to utilize community and environmental resources. In addition, in a small community such as Nome, a program like ACSA cann't reach a student count of 150 students, without having an adverse affect on the other public schools in the district. Therefore, a smaller program like ACSA is beneficial to the community by providing an alternative education program, while minimizing the possible impact on other schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Erickson

Joe Hardenbrook

From: payroll@ci.nome.ak.us on behalf of Dana Handeland [dhandeland@nomealaska.org]
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 1:04 PM
To: Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Kim Elton; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Joe Thomas
Subject: Supporter of SB 57

Senate Finance Committee:

I am a parent of a current charter school student in Nome, Anvil City Science Academy as well as a graduate of the program who is now thriving at Mt Edgecumbe High School.

I have been an avid supporter of Charter Schools in Alaska because they offer alternative educational models. What does this mean to Alaskan children? Options!

Charter schools across the state have demonstrated their worth: Test score achievement, community involvement, unique educational projects, and an optional educational model targeted directly to the student. Unfortunately, the method of funding charter schools with enrollment under 150 needs to be revised. After many years of working with the State to recognize this imperfection in the funding formula, at last SB 57 appears to address a permanent fix to this funding penalty.

By nature not all regions in Alaska can meet an enrollment quota of 150+ in a charter school without creating an adverse affect on the local communities schools. Anvil City Science Academy is an excellent example of this regional dilemma. Our charter school is capped at 44 students by the district. This unfortunately creates a waiting list of students wishing to participate in our program that cannot be accommodated.

SB 57 will provide the necessary language to allow charter schools under 150 to continue what they do best, educate. It will provide relief to the annual threat of funding shortages charter schools under 150 face. Please help create the necessary momentum to make SB 57 law.

Thank you for putting Alaskan children first!

Sincerely,

Dana Handeland
Anvil City Science Academy, APC

Catherine Reardon

From: amcooney@gci.net on behalf of Alison and Mike Cooney [amcooney@gci.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2009 8:25 AM

To: Sen. Bert Stedman

Subject: SB 57

Dear Senator Stedman,

I am a parent of a child that attends the Juneau Community Charter School (JCCS). I have been on the JCCS Fundraising Committee since my daughter started kindergarten three years ago. The Fundraising Committees challenge for the past couple of years has been to try to find fundraisers that bring in money, but don't require families to work a part-time job to do it. That in itself is a difficult task with all of the different types of fundraising that occurs in Juneau. The Juneau community as a whole is continually asked to support various organizations through numerous fundraising events. JCCS families are already selling raffle tickets and fundraising for extracurricular activities.

JCCS's draft five year budget analysis is showing that in a couple of years our school will be faced with a yearly operational deficit that could reach up to \$30,000. To try to raise that amount of money year after year to keep the school operating is a daunting task (and as the Fundraising Coordinator, quite stressful). This is a public school. We want to fundraise for school trips, special programs and extra school supplies like the other public schools. Please support SB 57.

Respectfully,
Alison Cooney

The Role of the "Adjusted Student Count" in School Funding

The adjusted student count of each school is the root of state funding for school districts. The number of students enrolled in a school is increased or decreased according to the formula in AS 14.17.450, to determine the school's adjusted student count. That adjusted student count is then multiplied by the district cost factor, the special needs factor and, finally, by the base student allocation, to determine the amount of funding.

| Student Count | ----- | Becomes | ----- | Adjusted Student Count | Equals | Student Rate | Neighborhood vs. Charter |
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| 10 students to 20 students | 39.6 | + | 0 | | = | 10 students = 39.6 adjusted student count | 3.96 /student |
| 20 students to 30 students | 39.6 | + | (1.62 | x | = | 19 students = 39.6 adjusted student count | .84 /student |
| 30 students to 75 students | 55.8 | + | (1.49 | x | = | 20 students = 39.6 adjusted student count 29 students = 54.18 adjusted student count | .84 /student .84 /student |
| 75 students to 150 students | 122.85 | + | (1.27 | x | = | 30 students = 55.8 adjusted student count 74 students = 121.36 adjusted student count | .84 /student .84 /student |
| 150 students to 250 students | 218.1 | + | (1.08 | x | = | 75 students = 122.85 adjusted student count 149 students = 216.83 adjusted student count | .84 /student .84 /student |
| 250 students to 400 students | 326.1 | + | (0.97 | x | = | 150 students = 218.1 adjusted student count 249 students = 325.02 adjusted student count | 1.45 /student 1.31 /student |
| 400 students to 750 students | 471.6 | + | (0.92 | x | = | 250 students = 326.1 adjusted student count 399 students = 470.63 adjusted student count | 1.30 /student 1.18 /student |
| 750 or more students | 793.6 | + | (0.84 | x | = | 400 students = 471.6 adjusted student count 749 students = 792.68 adjusted student count | 1.18 /student 1.06 /student |
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Example Adjusted Student Count Calculations

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| 100 students in neighborhood school | + | 1.27 multiplier | X | $100 - 75 = 25$ | $1.27 \times 25 = 31.75$ |
| | | | | | $122.85 + 31.75 = 154.6$ |
| *100 students in Anc/Fbnks/Jun/ charter school | + | .84 multiplier for district's largest school | X | all 100 students | $.84 \times 100 = 84$ |
| | | | | | $0 + 84 = 84$ |

*Charter schools with enrollments under 150 students do not go through the adjusted student count formula as individual schools. Instead, their students are added to the enrollment of the largest school in their district. Therefore, the adjusted student count of these charter schools is based on just the "multiplier" for additional students at large schools.

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