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CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 47()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATOR COGHILL

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to boarding schools operated by school districts; and providing for an**
2 **effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.16.200(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A district that operates [, BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2005, BEGAN
6 OPERATING] a statewide or district-wide residential school [EDUCATIONAL
7 PROGRAM] for students in grades nine through 12 that has been approved by the
8 department under regulations adopted by the board is eligible to receive a boarding
9 stipend as reimbursement for the costs incurred by the district in operating that school
10 [PROGRAM]. To be eligible for reimbursement for costs, a statewide or district-
11 wide [THE DISTRICT-OPERATED STATEWIDE] residential school operated by a
12 district [EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM] must provide a suitable student dormitory,
13 food service, and daily access to a public school offering the appropriate grade level
14 for a variable-length or 180-day school term as provided under AS 14.03.030 for

1 **the full school year.**

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.16.200(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) Costs that may be claimed by a district for reimbursement under (a) of this
4 section are

5 (1) one round trip on the least expensive means of transportation
6 between the student's community of residence and the school during the school year if
7 the district expends money for the trip; and

8 (2) a per-pupil monthly stipend to cover room and board expenses as
9 determined by the department on a regional basis and not to exceed the following
10 amounts:

11 (A) for the Southeast Region (Region I), \$1,230 [\$410];

12 (B) for the Southcentral Region (Region II), \$1,200 [\$400];

13 (C) for the Interior Region (Region III), \$1,452 [\$484];

14 (D) for the Southwest Region (Region IV), \$1,509 [\$503];

15 (E) for the Northern Remote Region (Region V), \$1,776
16 [\$592].

17 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.16.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (e) A district may cooperate with an Alaska Native organization, as defined in
19 20 U.S.C. 7546(2), or a nonprofit organization for the provision of room and board
20 services to students enrolled in a statewide or district-wide residential school operated
21 by a district under terms and conditions required for licensing in the state and as
22 specified by the department in regulation.

23 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.16.200(c) and 14.16.200(d)(2) are repealed.

24 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.

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SSSB 47 Relating to Boarding Schools

***Sec. 1.** This section removes narrow applicability to schools operating before June 1, 2005. Currently three school districts are receiving the stipend: Nenana, Bethel and Galena. The Department of Education is currently soliciting applications for three additional boarding schools statewide.

Sec. 1 also adds magnet schools that have variable-length terms but have a 180-day school year.

***Sec. 2.** Section 2 increases the monthly stipend rate based on the region of the state the boarding school is located.

***Sec. 3.** Section 4 allows school districts to contract room and board.

***Sec. 4.** This section repeals AS 14.17.200(c) which limited DOE to approving three additional boarding school applications.

Sec. 4 also repeals AS 14.16.200(d)(2), the definition for "district-operated statewide residential program" as Section 1 now included both statewide and district-wide residential schools.

***Sec. 5.** This Act has an immediate effective date.

FOUNDATION PROGRAM

FY1988 through FY2012

Average Daily Membership's

DISTRICT	FY88	FY89	FY90	FY91	FY92	FY93	FY94	FY95	FY96	FY97	FY98
ADAK	603.70	657.85	696.45	712.00	714.45	681.35	495.20	-	-	-	-
ALASKA GATEWAY	502.40	462.70	482.95	501.55	495.45	512.05	525.55	536.15	552.10	572.65	514.35
ALEUTIAN REGION	104.75	111.00	28.00	33.00	28.00	23.00	16.00	18.00	21.00	34.00	36.45
ALEUTIANS EAST	274.15	279.30	341.05	371.00	370.00	391.00	369.00	365.00	355.00	372.00	341.35
ANCHORAGE	38,734.41	38,685.23	39,236.27	40,533.36	43,058.90	44,279.73	45,645.36	45,895.60	46,158.76	46,470.40	47,315.76
ANNETTE ISLANDS	414.50	428.65	404.70	381.00	423.90	397.00	407.00	420.00	444.00	391.00	396.57
BERING STRAIT	1,259.40	1,250.20	1,326.75	1,356.30	1,433.95	1,476.65	1,539.15	1,600.70	1,679.10	1,706.00	1,759.70
BRISTOL BAY	245.40	249.00	245.35	253.00	272.65	265.35	271.60	271.00	301.00	313.45	305.00
CHATHAM	316.00	307.05	352.45	382.30	376.30	348.95	326.55	325.85	337.30	334.30	293.00
CHUGACH	107.00	98.00	106.00	113.90	128.25	132.25	122.75	133.00	144.00	157.00	167.00
COPPER RIVER	536.45	597.45	583.47	581.95	592.45	607.90	598.25	623.25	658.65	772.60	817.94
CORDOVA	429.00	428.00	428.00	437.90	478.75	502.50	511.15	528.15	519.15	534.30	514.70
CRAIG	213.00	217.60	255.00	303.40	314.25	356.45	367.00	396.00	424.00	422.00	428.00
DELTA/GREELY	929.65	895.40	857.20	841.00	849.70	959.50	989.70	974.00	884.65	843.65	951.01
DENALI	364.10	337.20	347.50	333.20	329.60	369.55	379.65	384.55	384.00	390.90	349.85
DILLINGHAM	463.25	460.00	449.45	480.50	504.10	488.05	494.45	496.20	524.00	541.25	583.15
FAIRBANKS	13,194.95	13,188.50	13,538.40	14,245.80	14,883.20	15,250.50	15,408.00	15,406.50	15,816.00	16,131.65	16,347.80
GALENA	151.20	146.80	135.50	121.40	142.30	128.45	133.10	144.00	150.00	165.00	1,359.00
HAINES	365.60	363.30	397.00	433.15	447.90	432.30	409.05	413.15	434.90	444.90	438.40
HOONAH	239.60	251.33	257.65	234.00	234.95	256.00	267.00	259.40	278.00	271.00	260.15
HYDABURG	109.40	106.00	101.95	108.40	119.00	115.80	109.20	107.50	113.60	117.00	123.00
IDITAROD	398.60	398.95	421.00	353.08	388.25	418.20	398.95	417.85	422.55	415.86	457.90
JUNEAU	4,492.96	4,588.90	4,890.00	5,124.30	5,247.30	5,412.70	5,394.45	5,399.75	5,515.35	5,586.45	5,662.69
KAKE	180.00	181.00	166.00	178.70	185.05	179.00	175.25	185.00	190.00	199.90	194.40
KASHUNAMIUT	169.00	165.00	154.00	181.70	191.15	191.65	207.60	229.90	244.00	246.95	269.85
KENAI	8,003.33	8,232.18	8,486.36	9,168.90	9,449.30	9,589.00	9,846.05	10,144.00	10,280.70	10,341.96	10,376.84
KETCHIKAN	2,531.19	2,480.11	2,617.50	2,693.25	2,663.50	2,690.10	2,735.38	2,728.93	2,850.40	2,856.25	2,731.10
KLAWOCK	170.07	185.30	208.85	201.90	211.85	205.75	210.00	206.95	220.15	210.30	220.85
KODIAK	2,284.76	2,273.36	2,321.14	2,403.88	2,525.08	2,597.81	2,747.82	2,711.45	2,871.76	2,862.01	2,851.30
KUSPUK	375.35	391.85	413.40	426.80	451.30	427.75	451.20	449.85	468.35	473.70	473.03
LAKE AND PENN	346.70	357.15	407.35	413.20	446.70	462.85	497.40	507.63	497.65	523.55	522.95
LOWER KUSKOKWII	2,605.95	2,637.90	2,685.73	2,710.75	2,780.33	2,885.80	2,963.73	3,051.05	3,275.15	3,371.53	3,442.25
LOWER YUKON	1,281.80	1,285.70	1,301.57	1,343.90	1,364.45	1,520.65	1,585.25	1,620.65	1,695.20	1,735.95	1,850.20
MATSU	8,605.75	8,430.50	8,824.00	9,459.78	10,141.33	10,677.00	11,336.70	11,894.00	12,037.28	12,352.13	12,777.39
NENANA	201.25	194.80	185.50	195.80	191.50	199.20	184.95	162.91	161.00	173.45	220.00
NOME	724.85	749.35	754.00	777.95	776.00	727.95	711.75	701.75	732.95	776.55	796.20
NORTH SLOPE	1,251.50	1,237.14	1,301.80	1,359.40	1,462.45	1,508.09	1,623.05	1,702.10	1,805.90	1,936.80	1,982.95
NORTHWEST ARCTI	1,540.00	1,613.97	1,645.75	1,582.10	1,629.45	1,736.80	1,804.25	1,872.80	1,892.05	2,000.10	2,065.55
PELICAN	49.40	42.50	49.00	48.20	45.90	47.00	45.00	44.85	38.25	31.75	33.00
PETERSBURG	630.03	658.35	685.10	681.20	702.35	706.40	711.10	758.75	753.55	763.05	768.60
PRIBILOF	151.85	149.10	149.55	143.10	152.90	158.50	168.00	182.00	213.15	197.20	187.00
SAINT MARY'S	112.40	110.90	111.40	115.60	105.50	97.73	94.60	108.50	129.10	130.00	131.80
SITKA	1,616.80	1,657.90	1,670.18	1,723.59	1,786.77	1,858.38	1,873.38	1,838.68	1,804.87	1,769.60	1,745.28
SKAGWAY	141.50	144.30	145.15	144.75	145.00	153.00	143.00	127.20	131.30	136.66	131.60
SOUTHEAST	464.50	517.00	555.10	521.60	415.80	418.00	413.75	381.95	349.85	325.55	277.00
SOUTHWEST	480.48	466.35	435.60	442.80	472.50	478.85	554.25	568.30	629.80	700.80	743.10
TANANA	85.00	94.00	88.00	109.00	100.00	98.00	101.00	102.25	94.00	102.00	113.00
UNALASKA	153.20	188.25	204.20	258.05	304.45	330.20	358.60	356.10	352.80	374.60	380.10
VALDEZ	693.30	686.00	762.60	781.50	853.75	906.60	896.90	902.75	895.75	877.00	887.75
WRANGELL	507.00	518.20	508.70	508.90	534.00	519.20	541.20	566.85	555.00	528.00	521.15
YAKUTAT	133.75	131.30	132.35	150.00	139.00	137.00	150.00	167.00	175.00	160.00	169.00
YUKON FLATS	361.00	338.00	339.00	374.75	377.87	387.85	398.90	405.15	422.62	444.00	448.25
YUKON/KOYUKUK	544.90	508.95	529.25	512.40	549.50	584.65	598.80	590.10	625.10	555.60	545.85
YUPIIT	296.00	307.00	315.00	318.70	360.00	367.00	366.00	367.00	387.00	401.00	397.00
STATE ACS	973.78	1,407.89	1,437.09	1,984.74	2,079.48	2,280.47	1,475.14	1,477.15	1,580.85	1,626.47	1,568.92
Mt EDGECUMBE	-	190.80	189.70	212.50	212.95	267.70	281.60	282.30	275.12	293.00	307.57
TOTALS	102,115.86	103,040.51	105,662.01	110,364.88	115,640.76	119,201.16	121,429.71	122,511.45	124,752.76	126,464.77	129,553.60

FOUNDATION PROGRAM

FY1988 through FY2012

Average Daily Membership's

DISTRICT	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
ADAK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALASKA GATEWAY	506.84	485.40	481.05	495.31	486.85	493.26	443.25	412.35	412.35	375.21	383.26	361.80	384.80	374.55
ALEUTIAN REGION	46.70	75.15	59.40	54.75	49.25	41.85	46.00	44.00	42.00	37.45	37.00	37.00	30.65	31.00
ALEUTIANS EAST	310.35	299.55	307.75	292.75	273.75	278.49	268.55	246.40	233.00	256.50	248.75	237.30	245.00	226.65
ANCHORAGE	48,115.53	48,157.22	48,856.09	49,246.83	49,544.94	49,264.98	49,182.37	49,319.56	48,706.93	48,143.53	48,227.36	49,060.82	48,613.23	48,422.26
ANNETTE ISLANDS	355.23	368.00	325.75	311.05	290.65	287.50	298.35	291.29	282.35	288.85	267.55	276.75	275.75	275.70
BERING STRAIT	1,782.90	1,775.45	1,760.25	1,728.30	1,733.85	1,704.00	1,699.15	1,668.30	1,672.45	1,645.55	1,652.95	1,642.85	1,653.60	1,593.55
BRISTOL BAY	295.65	278.60	243.05	237.45	233.60	195.35	184.40	179.00	188.10	182.25	144.65	155.05	160.05	149.74
CHATHAM	272.05	257.00	247.50	227.35	219.90	215.00	195.10	203.50	194.82	168.39	151.75	156.40	157.25	148.75
CHUGACH	161.00	157.35	167.10	207.45	200.50	191.10	218.75	214.02	199.63	227.75	224.80	264.00	254.45	245.11
COPPER RIVER	713.65	727.29	689.91	714.08	675.12	658.25	640.40	610.40	559.55	518.95	502.90	495.71	471.68	489.55
CORDOVA	491.34	485.45	475.95	461.45	464.10	471.40	451.60	446.95	420.50	408.90	368.40	360.40	337.75	324.50
CRAIG	432.00	420.60	516.30	693.95	855.40	955.44	656.80	766.25	754.19	748.90	723.32	659.05	624.03	657.30
DELTA/GREELY	1,099.75	898.78	801.50	834.77	1,004.31	1,031.24	1,187.81	1,260.60	1,319.77	1,159.73	1,077.44	1,007.38	894.95	916.50
DENALI	362.10	326.50	312.65	287.50	310.15	571.15	664.20	633.90	548.35	573.65	407.79	461.04	721.15	716.25
DILLINGHAM	548.05	561.80	579.85	540.70	520.66	513.13	531.80	550.90	531.43	506.70	500.45	469.52	478.70	472.60
FAIRBANKS	16,093.54	15,804.16	15,546.50	15,254.51	15,120.94	14,594.39	14,553.71	14,508.60	14,441.99	14,082.48	14,147.57	14,417.84	14,238.23	14,276.63
GALENA	3,234.00	3,660.00	3,373.99	3,669.28	3,767.90	3,890.03	3,680.26	3,638.50	3,727.18	3,759.05	3,649.40	3,683.35	3,813.54	3,741.46
HAINES	448.75	413.45	407.15	377.20	323.70	318.99	296.57	290.90	297.75	316.05	305.25	309.09	305.15	307.40
HOONAH	230.85	236.75	226.90	211.30	188.40	179.40	171.70	166.50	152.95	131.40	123.45	106.07	120.70	113.75
HYDABURG	110.50	107.85	102.85	100.10	92.20	86.85	74.50	72.50	79.60	75.45	66.63	51.85	62.65	44.00
IDITAROD	534.18	568.10	638.95	561.12	403.50	376.30	344.53	331.25	338.00	302.25	280.43	305.87	313.03	321.90
JUNEAU	5,701.25	5,646.85	5,520.78	5,507.50	5,521.13	5,441.87	5,306.28	5,236.57	5,155.30	5,072.60	4,972.69	5,020.42	4,982.63	4,952.20
KAKE	185.80	166.70	165.00	171.62	151.85	155.15	141.75	116.00	103.55	101.45	93.35	88.50	85.40	92.60
KASHUNAMIUT	279.00	298.20	314.00	321.80	350.40	362.25	354.65	330.55	339.20	325.55	312.50	301.75	305.95	311.65
KENAI	10,181.60	9,982.41	9,946.74	9,799.38	9,632.43	9,561.95	9,527.25	9,388.83	9,368.14	9,249.70	9,255.77	9,144.67	9,025.06	8,969.57
KETCHIKAN	2,723.85	2,598.90	2,489.68	2,400.58	2,398.35	2,370.42	2,306.35	2,295.72	2,272.90	2,251.85	2,126.83	2,135.73	2,150.81	2,200.80
KLAWOCK	201.00	206.00	207.90	174.00	158.90	147.68	159.60	135.60	140.45	135.50	125.10	136.55	136.80	135.85
KODIAK	2,797.64	2,810.05	2,773.95	2,820.84	2,750.35	2,676.63	2,678.45	2,717.72	2,635.82	2,671.40	2,597.89	2,567.04	2,543.27	2,516.98
KUSPUK	474.29	493.85	470.15	433.00	426.70	424.10	414.05	415.00	396.60	383.40	339.65	340.90	348.55	345.50
LAKE AND PENN.	548.85	480.95	462.48	427.80	412.55	418.23	398.57	386.42	378.45	367.75	368.68	343.22	327.30	325.94
LOWER KUSKOKWII	3,553.70	3,614.00	3,647.53	3,646.73	3,704.69	3,784.60	3,832.13	3,930.25	3,961.85	3,916.70	3,953.55	3,967.85	3,995.15	3,971.75
LOWER YUKON	1,860.95	1,936.15	1,926.70	1,937.85	2,053.15	2,031.80	2,017.45	2,036.75	1,968.30	2,035.15	2,031.10	1,922.35	1,964.05	1,986.65
MATSU	12,713.25	12,513.08	12,752.40	13,156.24	13,547.27	14,304.06	14,661.48	15,438.13	15,846.65	16,115.15	16,480.83	16,663.10	16,964.56	17,337.80
NENANA	398.00	1,005.00	1,828.25	1,753.70	1,256.69	931.32	715.52	686.02	601.45	887.58	1,001.66	969.42	1,063.18	947.54
NOME	776.25	769.10	776.95	737.65	736.15	715.10	767.40	767.85	748.55	719.52	673.71	667.55	680.25	689.75
NORTH SLOPE	2,043.90	2,008.90	2,094.20	2,020.78	1,970.25	1,810.45	1,691.15	1,726.15	1,623.00	1,618.00	1,580.70	1,537.60	1,612.30	1,599.10
NORTHWEST ARCTI	2,088.30	2,151.50	2,203.15	2,164.35	2,151.90	2,028.75	1,998.80	2,018.85	1,976.15	1,944.25	1,857.30	1,830.75	1,776.08	1,803.35
PELICAN	29.80	33.65	23.00	18.65	18.00	15.00	11.20	13.60	14.95	16.00	14.55	12.90	12.00	18.00
PETERSBURG	752.05	699.10	678.30	652.83	625.85	657.45	629.60	591.45	588.55	559.60	517.17	510.60	485.83	426.65
PRIBILOF	157.40	158.25	143.50	136.65	135.50	124.25	127.25	114.75	123.00	111.60	109.65	97.60	86.85	81.50
SAINT MARY'S	129.90	144.15	137.70	152.85	167.16	147.50	154.70	164.80	185.35	186.30	176.80	164.15	176.50	180.90
SITKA	1,694.25	1,722.11	1,589.43	1,609.41	1,548.91	1,466.53	1,478.31	1,476.66	1,453.84	1,377.93	1,316.21	1,315.10	1,299.18	1,312.47
SKAGWAY	128.60	131.30	136.75	120.20	109.67	105.83	108.75	109.25	99.50	105.90	94.55	89.85	78.40	58.71
SOUTHEAST	297.78	294.50	281.15	243.60	223.00	219.80	212.00	206.50	186.90	152.35	167.20	141.10	158.85	164.80
SOUTHWEST	774.70	758.25	767.91	758.60	721.25	676.95	705.95	668.70	673.65	657.70	633.50	639.85	627.45	633.10
TANANA	104.00	92.75	80.00	64.13	77.50	92.00	115.05	66.55	53.95	57.40	39.15	43.25	41.45	34.00
UNALASKA	353.03	351.91	351.34	368.90	392.95	398.55	398.70	397.50	385.75	387.75	402.35	402.70	406.75	413.60
VALDEZ	855.05	865.20	864.75	887.60	866.70	865.25	827.60	797.13	748.35	724.50	691.60	671.40	675.90	675.50
WRANGELL	526.63	505.05	488.35	465.95	435.45	391.78	375.30	369.85	354.74	346.45	323.73	314.70	339.25	387.35
YAKUTAT	166.00	159.75	166.25	172.00	144.25	125.00	133.15	132.50	117.75	121.85	121.25	110.30	119.25	104.90
YUKON FLATS	375.75	352.10	307.00	299.95	307.25	292.20	275.90	270.33	265.88	280.74	270.80	271.70	246.65	258.75
YUKON/KOYUKUK	548.90	535.85	484.50	496.75	885.07	1,381.07	1,799.66	1,560.72	1,426.65	1,320.13	1,367.98	1,442.18	1,325.92	1,256.38
YUPIIT	401.95	398.00	420.00	445.60	424.00	434.25	445.15	446.15	458.25	460.05	444.75	448.90	450.40	447.80
STATE ACS	2,628.73	1,419.47	1,306.02	1,465.47	1,085.84	411.78	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mt. EDGE CUMBE	307.71	329.00	330.00	329.50	334.00	334.90	368.75	394.95	407.90	404.45	427.10	395.85	398.40	395.25
TOTALS	132,904.81	131,696.48	132,256.25	132,669.66	132,484.79	131,622.55	130,927.70	131,263.47	130,164.21	128,975.24	128,380.75	129,228.67	129,046.71	128,885.84



ALASKA FEDERATION
OF NATIVES

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2012 ANNUAL CONVENTION

12-44

- TITLE:** EXPANDING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL EDUCATION AND LOCAL PROGRAMS
- WHEREAS:** The statewide 2011 Alaska Native high school 4 year graduation rate is 50.07; and
- WHEREAS:** Of the 131 small high schools, 93 have 30 or fewer students; and
- WHEREAS:** Of the 2,662 students in small high schools, 95.38% are Alaska Native students; and
- WHEREAS:** Almost 1,000 students participate in residential programs of different types throughout the state, and different regions are developing regional programs that fit their needs and circumstance; and
- WHEREAS:** State policies have had a negative impact on small high schools and urban schools have very poor performance with regard to Alaska Native students; and
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Native students learn in a variety of places, from small rural schools in the villages, to large urban schools in the cities, and distant boarding academies; and
- WHEREAS:** Each type of school has its own strengths and weaknesses. Though rural schools often are not provided the same resources as urban schools, they teach things that urban ones do not and they permit our youth to remain with their families and help ensure the continued vitality of our people, our homes, and our cultures; and
- WHEREAS:** Regardless of where one attends school, education is the foundation of opportunities for Alaska Natives and for all peoples; and
- WHEREAS:** Quality education should therefore be available to all who want it; and
- WHEREAS:** Alaska Natives have suffered discrimination and disparities in education, which, as recognized by the courts, has persisted to today; and
- WHEREAS:** Several programs throughout the state have had excellent results with short term, medium term and long term programs that connect rural and urban Alaska Native students with opportunities to advance their education; and

WHEREAS The current Alaska law only authorizes statewide residential programs through school districts to be eligible for state residential stipends; and

WHEREAS: It is essential that Alaska Native organizations operate educational programs for Alaska Native students to advance their opportunities; and

WHEREAS: The current stipend does not meet the operational cost needs of programs currently under operation; and

WHEREAS: Residential Learning Centers provide one option and offer the following benefits:

- Student access to short- and long-term courses and programs that small high schools are unable to deliver;
- State education funding would remain in a student's home district or region.
- Collaboration on course delivery and cost sharing;
- Student access to technical centers, university campuses, job shadowing, and apprenticeships;
- Year-round course delivery;
- Increased opportunities for Performance Scholarship Program, CTE programs, social and service learning; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates to the 2012 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. (AFN), that AFN works with the Governor, his Administration, and the Alaska Legislature to rename 4 AAC 33.090 as follows: District-operated or non-profit operated residential programs that deliver in-district, regional, or statewide residential educational programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AFN advocate to amend language in 4 AAC 33.090 to include in-district and regional residential educational programs as well as statewide residential educational programs, and that Alaska Native organizations are required to lead or partner with such programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AFN advocate to amend language in 4 AAC 33.090 to provide student stipend funding to approved in-district and regional residential educational programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska establish in regulation an annual application period for districts wishing to establish a district, regional, or statewide residential school in compliance with 4 AAC 33.090; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current stipend be increased by at least 50% to adequately reflect the costs associated with operating residential programs; and

BE IT FINALLY FURTHER RESOLVED that AFN partner with individuals, groups, and other organizations that also believe in educational equality to ensure that Alaska Native Organizations are driving the residential programs for the benefit of Alaska Native students.

SUBMITTED BY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES

CONVENTION ACTION: PASSED



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[Alex DeMarban](#) ^[1]

April 11, 2012

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[Stony River Students](#) ^[2]

STONY RIVER – Boarding schools left a bad taste in the mouths of many Alaska Natives, but a modern version of the old idea may help prevent small schools like Stony River's from dying while boosting skills so villagers can take local jobs that have long been the domain of educated outsiders.

Finding support for the idea may not be easy. The pre-1970s boarding school era that produced the first wave of Alaska Native leaders separated families for months or years at a time. Sometimes children died when they were away.

Critics have called the schools factories that tried stamping away culture and language. Students took beatings for speaking their language. Some were sexually abused.

Kinder, gentler boarding schools

Though some Alaskans will surely protest the creation of new boarding schools, a kinder, gentler version of the old system is already happening today. Sometimes older students in small schools, including two from Stony River, are finishing high school in larger communities. Hundreds of other students attend state-supported boarding schools in Galena and Nenana in the Interior or Sitka in Southeast, where they're excelling, said Jerry Covey, a former Education commissioner and rural superintendent who's calling for regional boarding schools.

Those who stay behind in a small school may not get much of an education. A huge divide exists between the mostly Native schools in the Bush and the mostly non-Native schools in urban areas, Covey notes in the report, "Saving Alaska's Small Off-The-Road-System Schools."

At Bush school districts, at least 50 percent of students routinely drop out. Urban schools generally see about a 30 percent drop out -- or less.

The consent decree that stemmed from the famed Molly Hootch case in the 1970s led to an explosion of school construction in villages and brought the boarding school era to an end. But the state's promise of a quality rural education was never realized, said Covey, who recently presented his report to the Legislature.

Kookesh not a fan

This new version of the boarding school could differ from the old one in a number of ways, Covey said. For one, high school students wouldn't travel hundreds of miles from home, but to such hub communities as Bethel, Dillingham or Nome.

Perhaps the boarding school for upper Kuskokwim could be based in Aniak, where Stony River's two oldest high school students have already moved. And the small elementary school back home could remain open with a single teacher, providing a site where the high school students could spend part of the school year taking courses digitally.

With bigger numbers, the regional schools could attract top teachers and provide classes not offered in small schools, such as foreign languages, arts and advanced math and science classes.

Sen. Albert Kookesh, Senate chairman of the Bush Caucus, said he's open to hearing more about the idea, but he's generally not a fan of more boarding schools. Originally from Angoon and a student at Wrangell Institute Boarding School in the 1960s, Kookesh remembers elementary and junior high students crying themselves to sleep because they were homesick.

Rep. Reggie Joule, who attended boarding school in Copper Valley, is House chairman of the Bush Caucus. He believes it's time to develop a new educational model that doesn't fail rural students. Cultural assimilation was the goal of the past. That wouldn't happen today, he said.

"Here we are 40 and 50 years later, and we understand the value of our cultural differences and the richness and diversity of our people, and we understand the importance of our family. So from that context, regional schools in regional hub areas would work better. They wouldn't take children as far away from home, the family would be easily accessible and yet students would have discipline, supervision and more courses," he said.

Joule said regional boarding schools could allow students to stay in their region after graduation, learning skills that lead to good jobs. At the moment, many institutions, such as boroughs or school districts, import workers to fill top positions requiring degrees. "It's not like we don't have the availability of jobs, but a lack of qualified people to take the jobs that are there," he said.

Field trip an eye-opener

As small schools go, the Gusty Michael school in Stony River might be one of the luckier ones. Their lead teacher, Debi Rubera, arrived in the village from Oregon with years of experience. It didn't take her long to figure out the kids had no plans for jobs or college. Turns out, they didn't have a connection to the outside world. Some had never left the village,



Rural Alaska Dreams

and there aren't many jobs in Stony River to serve as examples. No police, no nurses, no stores.

Rubera started thinking about making a mega-field trip to Anchorage or beyond, so her students could learn about educational options outside the village. Kids raised money by selling pizzas. With her help, they turned a supply closet in the gym into the village's only grocery store. In the end, they started planning a trip to Santa Barbara, Calif.

They improved their math by budgeting money and calculating distances. They read up on animals they'd see in zoos. They even learned about coins -- many of them had little experience with them because there's not much currency in the village.

When grades improved before and after that trip, Rubera started planning a second big excursion to Washington, D.C., an effort that's now on the fast-track because the school might close because of insufficient enrollment.

Still need \$18,000

At the school in late March, on a sunny, cold day, Rubera and the kids were launching new fundraising efforts. They spent some time making bearded bookmarks to sell on Facebook [6]. They started raffling off a wooden toboggan to residents in Stony River and neighboring villages. The sled is for hauling cargo behind snowmachines.

With two months before they planned to leave in late May, they'd collected \$20,000, about \$8,000 of it through store sales and the rest largely through donations of lodging.

At that point, the students were still more than \$18,000 from their goal, but it was time to start planning. Standing at a lectern, Rubera led the kids on a web tour of sites, such as the national zoo, the national aquarium and the White House.

The teacher, who's invested thousands of her own dollars to make the trips happen, said she didn't know where the rest of the donations would come from. If she has to, she'll pick up the tab for all their meals, and they can cut back on sight-seeing.

"I've watched these kids blossom," said Rubera. "We're not going to stop here."

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BOARDING SCHOOL STUDENTS BY HOME TOWN

Galena Interior Learning Academy

Alakanuk	1	Kipnuk	2	Point Hope	1
Allakaket	2	Kivalina	1	Port Heiden	1
Ambler	3	Kobuk	1	Saint Mary's	1
Anchorage	17	Kodiak	1	Selawik	1
Aniak	2	Koliganek	2	Shaktoolik	3
Anvik	7	Kongiganak	1	Shungnak	2
Beaver	2	Kotlik	4	St. George Island	1
Bethel	12	Kotzebue	7	St. Mary's	4
Buckland	3	Koyuk	4	St. Paul Island	2
Chuathbaluk	1	Kwethluk	3	Stebbins	3
Copper Center	1	Kwigillingok	1	Stevens Village	1
Cordova	1	Manokotak	3	Stoney River	1
Deering	1	Marshall	4	Talkeetna	1
Delta Junction	1	Minto	1	Tanacross	2
Egegik	1	Napakiak	6	Tanana	1
Elim	1	Newhalen	2	Tok	1
Emmonak	6	Newtok	1	Tuntutuliak	1
Fairbanks	16	Nikolski	1	Tununak	3
Fort Yukon	3	Nome	5	Twin Hills	1
Grayling	4	North Pole	4	Tyonek	3
Holy Cross	1	Northway	3	Unalakleet	1
Hooper Bay	9	Nunapitchuk	7	Wasilla	3
Juneau	1	Palmer	2	White Mountain	1
Kenai	1	Pedro Bay	1	Wrangell	1
Kiana	2	Pilot Station	4		210
Lower Kuskokwim Learning Academy		Nenana Student Learning Center			
Akiakchuk	1	Akiachak	3	Kongiganak	1
Eek	2	Alakanuk	2	Kwigillingok	2
Goodnews Bay	3	Alekanig	1	Levelock	1
Hooper Bay	1	Anchorage	5	Minto	2
Kasigluk	2	Anvik	1	Mountain Village	13
Kongiganak	2	Arctic Village	3	Nikolai	2
Kwethluk	1	Bethel	6	Nome	2
Kwigillingok	1	Chalkyitsik	3	North Pole	2
Kwetheluk	5	Dillingham	2	Numan Iqua	2
Mekoryuk	1	Eagle River	1	Nunapitchuk	2
Napaskiak	1	Emmonak	1	Pilot Station	1
Nunapitchuk	3	Fairbanks	4	Point Hope	1
Quinhagak	2	Fort Yukon	1	Ruby	3
Sitka	1	Girdwood	1	Shageluk	3
Toksook Bay	1	Golovin	1	St. Michael	1
Tuntutuliak	2	Hooper Bay	2	Tuluksak	2
Tununak	1	Kaltag	2	Tyonek	5
	30	Kipnuk	3	Venetie	1
					88

To: Honorable Senator John Coghill
From: Superintendent Bob Crumley, Chugach School District
Re: SB 47 – Residential School Stipend

As an operator of a Variable-Term Residential Learning Center for over 16 years, I am submitting testimony in support of SB 47. I applaud this forward thinking proposed legislation.

Over 16 years ago, the Chugach School District embarked upon an effort to overcome the many barriers to our youth acquiring a quality education. We engaged our communities and acted upon their input. That input led to the development of our performance-based education system where learning is the constant, and time is the variable. This community input also led us to develop a residential program we call the Voyage To Excellence program, or VTE. Funded primarily through competitive grants, we've spent years developing a significant network of business partners who are key to helping our students succeed. From construction and health care to oil and hospitality, and everything in-between, business have constantly informed us that employability skills and life skills are equally important with academics when it comes to hiring today's youth. We listened to them. We embedded their input into our educational system.

The result is a very successful, holistic educational program that helps students understand the value of learning. Now, rather than trying to avoid school, or fight being taught, students voluntarily seek out learning. Not only on school days, but during summer vacations and weekends, students choose to participate in VTE because it is relevant. Partnering with other school districts, VTE now serves students from around the state.

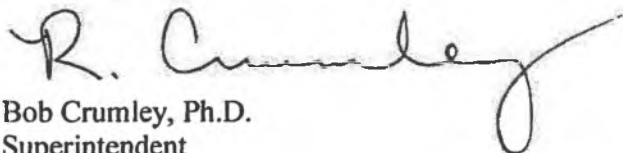
Student need was the driving force for the development of our variable-term residential program. The VTE program has been successfully meeting student needs for over 16 years. As the operator of this program, we know the following:

- We know the overwhelming need for this type of program across Alaska
- We know the how to successfully build such a program
- We know how to successfully operate such a program
- We know what it takes to sustain such a program
- We know the value and benefits VTE provides for the students
- We know the positive impact VTE has upon schools in Alaska
- We know the value VTE provides for Alaska (from financial & economical to social & health benefits)

Building such a program outside of state support has been a challenge to say the least. Sustaining VTE for the long term is proving to be an even greater challenge. To meet that challenge, the Chugach School District is currently developing an application to become designated as a statewide residential school. The proposed increase to the residential school stipend is essential to sustain the state's residential school programs that are meeting the needs of Alaskan students like no other school is able to do. This increase can in no way be considered a hand out, but should be considered a leg up for the kids of Alaska.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input, and for your support of SB 47.

Sincerely,



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March 11, 2013

The Honorable John Coghill
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Room 119
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Coghill:

School districts have developed a diverse array of partnerships and programs to meet the needs of Alaskan students across the state, whose academic achievement gaps place Alaska at the bottom of the graduation rates nationwide. Some districts have developed successful traditional residential programs that welcome students from across Alaska. Other districts have developed innovative district-wide programs that utilize a variable length school year to keep students connected and involved in their home communities, families and schools. Meeting the needs of all Alaskans is a complex challenge. Meeting the challenge requires diverse and creative solutions.

Unfortunately, AS 14.16.200, the statute authorizing residential educational programs, as currently written is too specific to support creative solutions. Like the delegates of the Alaska Federation of Natives, CITC supports changes to AS 14.16.200 to provide a more flexible framework for residential education in Alaska. In addition, all districts have found the stipend levels currently authorized, to be woefully insufficient. Specifically, CITC supports SB 47, amending AS 14.16.200 to:

- Allow school districts delivering district-wide residential programs to be eligible for student stipend funding.
- Allow eligible programs to utilize a variable length school year to enable students to split the school year between in a residential program in an urban area or a district hub and their village school. This change will allow students to access an exemplary education and maintain their connections to their families, homes and communities.
- Support local partnerships between school districts and Alaska Native and non-profit organizations to provide supportive residential experiences for students.
- Increase the amount of the boarding stipend.

AFN's resolution in support of these principals is attached to this letter. We appreciate your introduction of SB 47, and these needed changes to AS 14.16.200.

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Cook Inlet Tribal Council's residential project:

Through the current stipends, the State is already supporting innovative education models, youth housing, boarding schools and various foster care models. CITC has launched the Dena'ina Academy, which a residential educational program that provides a public/private partnership model that may also be replicated throughout the state.

Dena'ina Academy is a partnership between CITC and the Anchorage School district. In this partnership, CITC will provide the room, board and residential program components, while Anchorage School District will continue to provide the academic and other extracurricular programs to the students. The infrastructure offered by the ASD and the partnership with CITC provide a strong foundation for the success of the residential program in support of the academic success of the students.

Dena'ina Academy is designed as culture-based leadership program to provide room and board, social and academic supports for the students. The students will live, study and play in a cohort. Live-in advisors, elders, tutors and mentors will ensure an environment that promotes and supports holistic student development, including positive identity development, academic competence, confidence, cultural and community connection and expectations for community service, and Alaska Native cultural activities, sport and music.

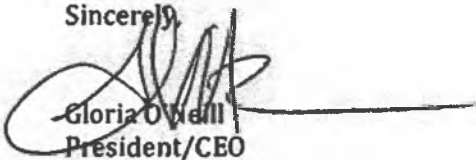
Fundamental Benefits of Funding Dena'ina Academy Operations

- The high school drop-out rate leads to disproportionate consumption of State resources. Dena'ina Academy graduates will become contributors to the state economy.
- Dena'ina Academy operational funding need not be added to the State's overall funding. By creatively combining and realigning various funding sources, such as those from boarding home and boarding school, foster care, low-income housing, Chafee, transitional housing and homeless, it would make sustainability for the project a reality.
- Tribal and non-profit funding sources leverage state funds to create effective public/private partnerships.
- Given the statewide education issues that Anchorage faces in responding to rural education gaps, Dena'ina Academy offers an effective and cost-efficient solution.

The proposed changes to AS 14.16.200 contained in SB 47 will allow existing programs to expand and increase the number of programs offering creative solutions to Alaska's educational challenges, such as Dena'ina Academy and those currently under design in Kotzebue and Barrow. SB 47 will enable communities to offer more opportunity to students and contribute to closing the achievement gap. We strongly support SB 47.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this important educational component that will provide real outcomes for our youth.

Sincerely,



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SUPERINTENDENT
Chris Reitan

December 12, 2012

Re: Sec. 14.16.200 Room and Board Stipend

Dear Senator Coghill;

I'm writing this letter to draw your attention to impending issues regarding Alaska Statute Sec. 14.16.200 State funding for districts operating statewide residential educational programs. At the end of the spring 2011 legislative session the monthly per pupil room and board stipend that a school district can receive for each student housed in a statewide residential educational program was doubled for a two year period. For Galena City School District this legislative action doubled the amount that the district receives per month for each student from \$484 to \$968 for FY 12 and FY 13. Unless additional legislative action is taken to address the per pupil monthly room and board stipend, the stipend will return to the previous funding level of \$484 critically impacting GCSD's boarding school program.

Attached to this letter is a spread sheet that provides a three year analysis of the per pupil monthly room and board stipend. The analysis provides an "Actual" budget of the monies GCSD received per Sec. 14.16.200 and the additional monies that the district allocated to appropriately house and feed each student enrolled in our residential program for FY 11 and FY 12. It also provides an estimated budget for FY 13.

Some additional information that might provide more meaning to the attached spreadsheet is listed below:

- The FY 11 and FY 12 Actual Budgets were based on GCSD being funded up to 175 students in our residential program for monthly per pupil room and board costs.
- In September of 2011 the State Board of Education approved GCSD's request to increase the number of students that GCSD can be reimbursed for from 175 to 210. This adjustment was enacted for FY 13 and GCSD is currently being reimbursed for monthly per pupil room and board costs up to 210 students.

GCSD respectfully requests your support to adjust Sec. 14.16.200 during the spring 2013 legislative session and permanently increase the monthly per pupil room and board stipend to 3X the amount stipulated in Sec. 14.16.200. 3X the amount that is currently stipulated in Sec. 14.16.200 would more adequately provide for the true costs of housing 210 boarding school students. Furthermore, a permanent adjustment to 3X the current stipulated room and board amount would ensure that monies GCSD receives for instructional purposes stay dedicated to instruction and not be used to offset residential costs.

Senator, GCSD thanks you for your previous generous support of high school boarding school programs that provide many rural Alaskan students an alternative education that is unavailable in their home communities. We also thank you in advance for considering this request, and look forward to continued dialogue on this issue.

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Reitan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Reitan, GCSD Superintendent

Email: chris.reitan@galenanet.com



March, 11, 2013

Senator John Coghill
State Capitol Room 119
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Coghill:

I'm writing on behalf of the North Slope Leadership Team to express strong support for SB 47.

Our Mayor, Charlotte Brower, and the executive leaders of the North Slope Borough School District, Ilisagvik College, Arctic Slope Native Association, and Arctic Slope Regional Corporation are working together to find ways to better prepare our students and adults for successful post-high school education and workforce preparation.

We are currently meeting with residents of all North Slope villages to present the idea of a residential learning center located in Barrow and to gain their feedback and support for such a program. A residential learning center, as proposed in SB 47, could deliver advanced academics and career and technical education courses to students in our small village high schools that they cannot presently access.

Sincerely yours,

Jacob Adams,
Chief Administrative Officer
North Slope Borough

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
 Summary Data FY2013 Projected Statewide Residential Program Comparative Revenues
 Updated 3/6/2013

Galena			
	Residential ADM	Revenues	Residential per ADM
State Aid	210	2,374,922	11,309
State GF Residential Boarding Home (stipend rate 2x)	210	2,364,702	11,260
Total Support per residential ADM, not including Capital			\$ 22,570

Lower Kuskokwim			
	Residential ADM	Revenues	Residential per ADM
State Aid	30	317,568	10,586
State GF Residential Boarding Home (stipend rate 2x)	30	281,308	9,377
Total Support per residential ADM, not including Capital			\$ 19,963

Nenana			
	Residential ADM	Revenues	Residential per ADM
State Aid	88	1,061,933	12,067
State GF Residential Boarding Home (stipend rate 2x)	88	856,618	9,734
Total Support per residential ADM, not including Capital			\$ 21,802

Mt. Edgecumbe			
	Residential ADM	Revenues	Residential per ADM
State Aid plus State Receipted Federal Impact Aid	400	3,898,809	9,747
State GF Residential Boarding Home/Facilities Maintenance	400	4,436,250	11,091
Total Support per residential ADM, not including Capital			\$ 20,838

Note: These revenue comparisons are for FY2013. Mt. Edgecumbe's revenue for FY2014 is anticipated to increase by \$305,000 for dorm contract costs. The additional funding adds 762.50 per residential ADM.

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
 Statewide Residential Educational Program
 FY2009 - FY2013 Actual Costs
 Prepared 3/12/2013

Prepared by School Finance

School District	School Name		FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
Galena	Galena Interior Learning Academy	Stipends	\$ 570,096	\$ 847,152	\$ 932,400	\$ 1,864,800	\$ 2,237,760
		Travel	90,102	68,208	95,143	98,210	126,942
		District Total	\$ 660,198	\$ 915,360	\$ 1,027,543	\$ 1,963,010	\$ 2,364,702
Lower Kuskokwim	Kuskokwim Learning Academy *	Stipends	\$ 72,432	\$ 45,270	\$ 54,324	\$ 90,540	\$ 271,620
		Travel	1,707	2,052	2,012	1,808	9,688
		District Total	\$ 74,139	\$ 47,322	\$ 56,336	\$ 92,348	\$ 281,308
Nenana	Nenana Student Living Center	Stipends	\$ 322,344	\$ 365,904	\$ 335,412	\$ 696,960	\$ 766,656
		Travel	70,235	71,013	77,964	71,481	89,962
		District Total	\$ 392,579	\$ 436,917	\$ 413,376	\$ 768,441	\$ 856,618
Program Totals:			\$ 1,126,916	\$ 1,399,599	\$ 1,497,255	\$ 2,823,799	\$ 3,502,629

* formerly named Bethel Alternative Boarding School

Department of Education & Early Development

1999 - 2013 School Closures ~ Less than 10 ADM

Updated 3/4/2013

District	Community	School Name	School Year Closed
Kodiak	Danger Bay	Danger Bay School	2013
Southwest Region	Clarks Point	Clarks Point School	2013
Lower Yukon	Pitkas Point	Pitkas Point School	2013
Aleutians East	Nelson Lagoon	Nelson Lagoon School	2013
Copper River	Chistochina	Chistochina School	2012
Lake & Penn	Pedro Bay	Pedro Bay	2011
Yukon Flats	Central	Far North School	2011
Aleutian Region	Nikolski	Nikolski School	2010
Kuspuk	Red Devil	George Willis School	2010
Southeast Island	Hyder	Hyder School	2010
Copper River	Gakona	Gakona Elementary	2009
Iditarod	Lime Village	Lime Village School	2008
Kodiak	Big Sandy Lake	Big Sandy Lake	2007
Southwest Region	Portage Creek	Portage Creek	2005
Bristol Bay	South Naknek	South Naknek	2004
Chatham	Cube Cove	Cube Cove	2003
Copper River	Nelchina	Lottie Sparks	2003
Lake & Penn	Ivanoff Bay	Ivanoff Bay	2003
Nome	Nome	Leonhard Seppala Alt. H.S.	2003
Yakutat	Icy Bay	Icy Bay	2003
Yukon Koyukuk	Bettles School	Betties	2003
Delta Greely	Healy Lake	Healy Lake	2001
Mat-su	Skwentna	Skwentna	2001
Southeast Island	Grace Harbor	J.R. Gildersleeve	2001
Iditarod	Lake Minchumina	Minchumina Community School	2000
Southeast Island	Craik Logging School	Craik Logging School	2000
Southeast Island	Polk Inlet	Polk Inlet	2000
Yukon Flats	Rampart	Rampart School	2000
Yukon Flats	Joy	Northern Lights School	2000
Yukon Flats	Birch Creek	Birch Creek School	2000
Chatham	Elfin Cove	Elfin Cove School	1999

***NOTE:** *Previously closed but have since reopened (not listed above).*

Kodiak - Karluk School closed in 2003; reopened in 2006, current 2012 ADM: 16

Kodiak - Danger Bay School closed in 2006; reopened in 2008, closed in 2013

Kodiak - Chiniak School closed in 2009; reopened in 2011, current 2012 ADM: 15

Lower Kuskowim - Arviq School [Platinum] closed 2005; reopened 2008, current 2012 ADM: 15

SE Island - Edna Bay School closed 2000; reopened 2009; closed again in 2010; reopened 2011, current 2012 ADM 10

SE Island - Whale Pass School closed 2005; reopened 2009; closed again in 2010; reopened 2012, current ADM 10

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"A Community of Opportunity - Preparing Students for Life"

March 11, 2013

Senator John Coghill
State Capitol Room 119
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Support Letter for SB 47

Dear Senator Coghill,

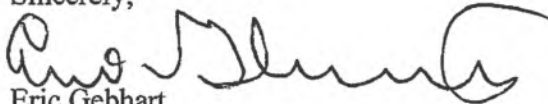
The school board of the Nenana City School District fully supports SB 47, "An Act relating to boarding schools operated by school districts; and providing for an effective date." Furthermore, the Board fully supports proposed changes to allow for the inclusion of district operated, regional residential education programs serving students the full school year or those programs of variable length.

In our twelve year history, the Nenana Student Living Center has provided nearly 500 students, from all parts of the State, the opportunity to live in a safe, educationally supportive environment. Through the end of the 2011-2012 school year, 134 students have graduated from Nenana High School while living in our residence facility, with an additional 11 students set to graduate in May 2013.

We believe the positive results we have achieved for students can and should be expanded and duplicated on a larger scale through the passage of SB 47. The existing availability of residential programming in the State does not yet meet the needs of the students and the choice of their parents. The passage of SB 47 will assist in that expansion effort and help to ensure that each residential program has the minimum funding necessary to provide required services and supervision of students.

Thank you for sponsoring this legislation. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Eric Gebhart
Superintendent

"providing all students with the tools and learning environment necessary to commit to achieving success"

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 47(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/15/13

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR COGHILL

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24 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

Sen Coghill

SB 47 BOARDING SCHOOL STIPENDS

Correction on calculation of Increases in Funding in SB 47

<u>Region</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Maximum Capacity</u>	<u>Number of Months</u>	<u>Statutory Rate</u>	<u>Current Rate SB 84 (2x)</u>	<u>Current Total</u>	<u>SSSB 47 Rate (3x)</u>	<u>SSSB 47 Total</u>	<u>Increase in State Cost</u>
Region I	None	0		\$ 410	\$ 820	\$ -	\$ 1,230	\$ -	
Region II	None	0		\$ 400	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 1,200	\$ -	
Region III	None	88	9	\$ 484	\$ 968	\$ 766,656	\$ 1,452	\$ 1,149,984	\$ 383,328
Region IV	None	35	9	\$ 503	\$ 1,006	\$ 316,890	\$ 1,509	\$ 475,335	\$ 158,445
Region V	None	210	9	\$ 592	\$ 1,184	\$ 2,237,760	\$ 1,776	\$ 3,356,640	\$ 1,118,880
TOTALS						\$ 3,321,306		\$ 4,981,959	\$ 1,660,653

The fiscal note prepared by the department does not reflect the increase of stipends with the passage of SB 84 in April of 2011. SB 84 doubled the stipend as calculated above.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

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SB 47 Monthly Stipend for Boarding Schools

SB 47 removes the sunset provisions for providing stipends to boarding schools. In addition, SB 47 expands the stipend program to boarding schools started after 2005 and to magnet schools that are for shorter periods of training. Boarding schools offer students who don't have access to grades 9 through 12 an alternative to being homeschooled and give students in smaller high schools the opportunity to attend a school that offers extracurricular activities available in larger high schools like sports, band and art.

Students get a choice of going to a school that has something different to offer than may be available in their hometown. This legislation by statute reimburses some boarding schools costs incurred by the district operating the program.

A per-pupil stipend helps pay for the students' monthly residential care, which includes meals and supervision twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In addition a one round-trip between the student's community of residence and the school during the school year will be reimbursed if the district expends money for the trip.

The bill also provides school districts the option to contract for the residential boarding services for their boarding school students.

Three schools currently qualify for the reimbursement: Nenana, Galena, and Bethel. However, the Department of Education is currently soliciting applications for three additional boarding schools statewide.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/15/13

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

Finance Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 47

SB 47-STIPEND FOR STATEWIDE BOARDING SCHOOL

"An Act relating to boarding schools operated by school districts; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with CS SSSB.47 (FIN) [] Same Title [] New Title
- [] adopt previous CS _____ (_____) [] Same Title [] New Title
- [] attached amendment(s)
- [] adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- [] further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
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DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
EED	✓			

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

[] APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Michael J. Duff</i>	Duff	✓			
<i>Anna Fairclough</i>	FAIRCLOUGH	✓			
<i>Cliff Bishop</i>	Bishop	✓			
<i>John Hoffman</i>	Hoffman			✓	
<i>Thomas Tolson</i>	Tolson			✓	
CO-CHAIR: <i>K. Meyer</i>	Meyer	✓			
CO-CHAIR:					

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 47
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: CSSSSB047(FIN)-EED-K12-4-3-13
Title: DISTRICT OPERATED BOARDING SCHOOLS
Sponsor: COGHILL
Requester: Senate Rules Committee

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: K-12 Support
Allocation: Boarding Home Grants
OMB Component Number: 148

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	3,321.3	2,088.8	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	3,321.3	2,088.8	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	3,321.3	2,088.8	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3
Total	3,321.3	2,088.8	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3	3,321.3

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 03/01/14

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This fiscal note changed from the prior version by amending the effective date of the legislation from immediately under AS 01.10.070(c) to July 1, 2013. This change removes the need for supplemental funding in FY2013.

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Approved By:	Mike Hanley	Date:	04/03/13
	Commissioner		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

**STATE OF ALASKA
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BILL NO. CSSSSB47

Analysis

The legislation amends AS 14.16.200, State funding for districts operating statewide residential educational programs and would take effect July 1, 2013.

The calculations and fiscal note cost estimates respond to the three currently approved programs. Future schools that may be approved under the amended law are not included in the fiscal note cost estimate and adding schools, including district-wide and variable-term schools, would cause this annual cost to increase.

The residential program per pupil monthly stipend is paid for nine months, times the rate, times the actual count. Calculating the rate from 1x in law to 3x for the three currently approved statewide residential programs increases the cost by \$3,321.3 annually.

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Total per pupil monthly stipends per legislation	\$4,981,959
Additional cost of round trip tickets for all three programs based on FY2012	\$ 242,247
Add Boarding Home Program (AS 14.07.030)	<u>\$ 185,900</u>
Total program if legislation passes and residential is funded at 3x the boarding stipend:	\$5,410,106
Total appropriation in budget	\$2,088,800
Total funding necessary to fund 3x & Boarding Home if this legislation is passed:	<u>\$5,410,106</u>
Additional funding necessary to fund residential at 3X (fiscal note)	\$3,321,306

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 47(FIN)

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