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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1997-1998

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Dear House Finance Committee,

Just to make my self clear I do not want to see any cut to LKSD. That will hurt our bilingual Yup'ik instruction. The BIA turned over these schools to the state and all cultural sensitivity seems to be gone. If our Yup'ik language programs stay intact the people out here will speaking, reading, and writing Yup'ik for as long as they want. I hope it is not this legislature now that will be from here on responsible for the 'death' nail into Yup'ik language. Call me if you want further discussion.

Senate Bill 36 will devastate Yup'ik bilingual programs in southwestern Alaska by slashing the Lower Kuskokwim School District's categorical funding. This funding reduction was not recommended by the McDowell report. McDowell said they were not capable to equitably assess this issue. The new SB-36 20% categorical cap will only cover mandated special education costs with virtually nothing left for bilingual programs.

Too few urban residents and legislators understand and that in the Lower Kuskokwim region there are over 20 villages where Yup'ik is the dominant language. Urban people and legislators need to realize that there are villages like Kwigillingok where the main language at church, home, play, and council meetings is Yup'ik. For nearly all of the children, their first legends, books, songs, and Bible readings are in Yup'ik. When more urban voters, legislators, and tourists become more aware of the impact of SB-36 on the Yup'ik language, lawmakers will be cast in a historically dark light.

For the last 24 years over 95% of the students I've taught in Kwigillingok, Tuntutullak, and Kongiganak (west of the Kuskokwim river) have been dominant Yup'ik speakers. For 28 years there has been a culturally sensitive language program that allows many of these students to read and write first in their native language and humanely ease them into a dominantly English class by the 4th grade. These students graduate reading, writing, and speaking both English and Yup'ik. Many of these students have gone on to college. Test results clearly show that if our students are first schooled in Yup'ik, they outscore native speakers who are required to learn in English. SB-36 will not only contribute to lower

P.O. Box 48
Kwigillingok Ak, 99622
April 17, 1998

House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, Ak 99801- 1182

Dear House Finance Committee,

Wangkuta assilkaput SB-36-aaq. Kituuqan SB-36-aaq yugcetun

mikelngut.. kalarngalrucllqut.- Aklrcllqut.- mikelngut.- elitnaurlstet..

Ilu. Mikelngut taringescigacllqut kass'atun. Kituuqan SB 36-aaq

kiingan kass'atun qalartelarclqukut yugtun-llu qalarcuunata.

Wiinga caknaq assilkaqa SB-36-aaq.

Wiinga,

Tania Andrew
6th grade

PS. We don't like SB 36. If SB-36 passes the little kids won't talk in yup'ik. The yup'ik teacher's and all the other teacher and the students their feelings will get hurt. The kids won't understand in english because they mostly talk in yup'ik. If SB-36 passes we will start talking in english and we won't have to talk in yupik and write. I don't really like SB-36.

PO Box 6
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April 17, 1998

House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee,

Wilinga Senate Bill 36-aaq assillkaqa mani kuigilngurmi
assilltuq. Ak'iq tegguyaquunaku ilaakulluta pinartukut. Makut elait
elitnauristeput yug'gut ilait-llu kassauluteng. Makut-llu akit
naanguarunrituq, taugam atutuut aturanun, wallu noqnun ,wallu ikamranun.

wiligna,
Jeffrey Phillip
6th Grade Class

P.S. I don't like Senate Bill 36 at kwigillingok. Don't take our money and
please be on our side. Some of these people are Yu'pik and some of them
are non Yu'pik. We use money for clothes, food, or sleds.

Please Submit
This into the
House Finance Committee
Meeting on Monday
April 20th at 8:00am
if possible or the very
next H.F.C. Meeting call
me if it cannot be
submitted for the Monday
Meeting.

Bill Wilkinson 588-8629



"Fostering Native Self-Determination in Primary Care, Prevention and Health Promotion"

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

Resolution #98-04-04

Subject: Opposition to Senate Bill #36 (SB-36).

WHEREAS, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation's (YKHC) mission is to achieve the greatest possible improvements in the health status of the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region, and YKHC is fully committed to the development of culturally relevant programs for primary care, prevention, and health promotion in a setting that fosters Native Self Determination in the control and management of health care delivery; and

WHEREAS, YKHC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation established to provide health care services under a Title III Compact with the Indian Health Service to 58 tribes in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in Alaska by authorization of the tribal governing bodies of these tribes; and

WHEREAS, YKHC's interests include healthy minds in the Y-K Delta's student residents through quality education provided through rural or village schools, which are just as important as urban schools; and

WHEREAS, Quality education leads rural students to quality decisions about college-level learning in order to achieve or enhance their chosen careers which will support their livelihood and well-being throughout their lives, and SB-36 will decrease quality education in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, It is the constitutional responsibility of the State of Alaska to provide equal education opportunities to Alaska's children, both rural and urban, and SB-36 is unconstitutional in its approach in that it unfairly reduces funding for rural schools.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED That the Full Board of Directors of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation hereby give notice by this resolution that it opposes the present form of SB-36 in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Full Board of Directors support the State of Alaska in its efforts to create a fair funding formula equitable to both rural and urban schools which also takes into consideration the high cost of living in rural Alaska.

Certification

Duly adopted at the meeting of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Corporation's Full Board of Directors, a quorum being present, by a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent, this 16th day of April, 1998.

Signed: Henry Hunter
Henry Hunter, Chairman
YKHC Board of Directors

Signed: Geraldine Beano
Geraldine Beano, Secretary
YKHC Board of Directors



"Fostering Native Self-Determination in Primary Care, Prevention and Health Promotion"

YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 4-20-98

TO: House Finance Committee

fax # 463-6813 PH. # _____

FR: Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

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MESSAGE Resolution # 98-04-04 - Opposition
of Senate Bill 36. Please forward
to the House Finance Committee.

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House of Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislator
State Capitol (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

APR 20 1998

Leona Goodhope
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Dear whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in regards to a senate bill 36.
As a student in Shishmaref I believe this bill should not be passed.
Why you ask? This bill would affect numerous students in the Bering
Strait School District.

We like the way our school is now and we don't want to see it
change. The SB 36 would force us to go to school in a boarding school,
We, the Shishmaref students, wouldn't like going to a boarding school.
Our families would need our boys to help out with subsistence. Our
elders are the ones we should be with instead of going to a boarding
school and being far away from home. Our elders are going to need help
if most of the Shishmaref students go.

What you are doing to our school and other schools is killing
everything that makes school fun such as sports, taking our special ed.
teachers, and numerous other things. Do you think it is right?

I am really upset about the senate bill 36.

I appreciate you taking your time to read this letter concerning
the SB 36.

Sincerely,

Leona Goodhope

Leona Goodhope
Grade: 10th
Site: Shishmaref School

APR 20 1998

House Of Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislator
State Capital (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Annie Katherine Obruk
Shishmaref High School
P.O. Box 72048
Shishmaref, Alaska 99772

Dear Whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in regards to the Senate Bill 36. Please do not vote on this bill because too much money would be taken from rural schools. This would mean we would lose extracurricular activities and other important programs from our school.

The school is very much of the community and the community is enjoy watching the basketball games and other activities going on in the village.

Going to school in Shishmaref is very important to me, because I enjoy being with my family and helping out my grandparents. If the bill is passed, we may no longer have a high school.

If I had to go to a boarding school, I would not be able to spend time with my family and would not learn things about my culture. To me, my culture is very important and learning the way my grandparents learned when they were younger. I enjoy listening to my grandparents' telling stories about their childhood.

In closing, I would urge you not to pass the bill.

Sincerely,

Annie Obruk

Annie Katherine Obruk

Grade: 10th

Site: Shishmaref High School Student



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Ray Griffith
SUPERINTENDENT

April 18, 1998

The Honorable Mark Hanley
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Room 507
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hanley:

As superintendent of Southeast Island School District, I am writing with grave concern relative to SB36. Passage of SB36 in its current form can mean closure of five of SISKD's 12 schools in October of this year.

As you are well aware, the bill would set a minimum of ten students for a school to be counted as a funding community. Any number fewer than ten would be counted as students of the largest school in the district, with a significant drop in funding for that site.

The immediate concern is that the bill would delay determination of fiscal year funding until the end of the October count period and then provide funding for that same fiscal year based on the October count. That impacts our district drastically. We would contract teachers, by state law and negotiated contract terms, prior to the current year based on current status, prepare buildings, commit to students and parents and fund to that anticipated level. If a site fell below the minimum count, however, we would not be funded at the anticipated and planned for level. SB36 would leave us committed and stand without adequate funding to fulfill our predetermined commitment. In a district that is cutting 20% of its funding for the next fiscal year just to balance our budget, that unanticipated level of loss would be devastating. SB36 puts us in a catch-22. If we don't provide a school for a community with 8 anticipated elementary students, we are in violation of 4 AAC 05.040. If we do commit to a school in August but have fewer than ten in October, we do not receive adequate funding to keep the school open and to fulfill our contracted employee commitments and commitment to students and

community.

We are asking you to help us get an amendment to SB36 that gives us some relief from so drastic an impact. We are proposing that the bill be amended as follows:

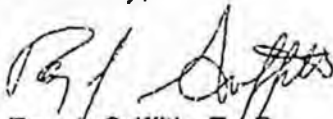
Sec.2 14.17.450 (b). [Beginning in the fiscal year following the count period during which the school falls below 10 ADM,] if the ADM in a school is less than 10, those students shall be included in the ADM of the school in that district with the highest ADM as determined by the most recent student count data for that district.

In the unfortunate event that SB36 were to become law, the proposed amendment would forestall for at least nine months the closing of almost half of Southeast Island School District's schools. At least our students and parents and district board and administration would have minimal time to plan for the loss of access to local schools. To close schools in late October and expect students and parents to have acceptable immediate alternatives is unfair and unwise.

Southeast Island School District is opposed to SB36. We consider it to be based on a seriously flawed study commissioned by the Senate Finance Committee, one that would unfairly and unwisely redistribute funding from some school districts to other school districts, thereby creating "winners" and "losers." The effect would glaringly take funding away from rural districts and give it to urban districts. We are further distressed that SB36 fails to consider "program" equity as well as "funding" equity. Even the most cursory analysis will reveal the vast disparity between programs available to urban students as opposed to rural students.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request for help. It would be tragic for students to not only lose the opportunity for education in their local communities, but to lose it without adequate time to seek and find alternative educational programs.

Sincerely,



Ray J. Griffith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: Commissioner Shirley Holloway
Governor Tony Knowles
Carl Rose, AASB
Stephen McPhetres, AASA
Alaska School Superintendents
Members, Alaska Legislature

Distributed By Representative Ivan
By request

To: Legislators House Finance Committee

Subject: SB 36

My name is Lillian Kiunya, a 40 year resident of Kwigillingok, married with four beautiful children attending a small rural school in our community. I am writing this letter on their behalf, and I believe the whole rural schools who will be affected by this bill.

As Alaskan Natives, we are very fortunate to have schools out here in the bush where our children learn, not like what I went through. The reason I say "not like what I went through" is because I started school knowing no English, at most times very hard for me to comprehend what my teachers were teaching me. Now when I look at my children and the progress they have in school, I am very proud and happy for them. I believe the bilingual education they start off with has helped them to progress, and it is easier than my school years, but if you look at the yearly ITBS test done each year proves that they still are behind.

Taking the money out of rural schools will hurt even more, not just the students who need that, but the people who are dependant on the income that provides for the family. Where employment is scarce, and very little is available, especially in small rural communities.

The schools in the urban communities have more variety of classes to take, and I believe that taking the money out of rural schools will provide even more for those urban schools, and it will as I have heard close some even more smaller schools than here. Which will have a dynamic impact for those students and communities.

I think that if the money were to be taken out of the rural school, the State of Alaska will also be affected financially. Because those who are left without jobs will turn to the unemployment agency, or be depended on the food stamp program to drain out the money set aside. Which will hurt also the economy of the urban cities who do business with the rural communities.

Come on broaden your scope before you vote on this bill. Don't just look at the money that goes to the schools. Just go to the rural school where bilingual education is available and see for yourselves why the State of Alaska is so unique in its people and it's culture.

I am inviting you all to come see for yourself the Kwigillingok School Site, and how bilingual education is like, and that would change your mind about taking money out of rural schools.

Thank you for taking your time to hear me.

Lillian Kiunya
04-15-98

CHEFORNAK SCHOOLS
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April 16, 1998

Mark Hanley
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative:

The Chefornak Associate School Board met Tuesday, April 14th. During this meeting the impact of SB 36 on our school was discussed. The proposed cuts in funding particularly in Bilingual dollars would severely curtail the Yup'ik language and cultural program that we have worked so hard to put together in recent years. It seems quite inconceivable that this bill which includes cuts to educational funding is seriously considered when common knowledge and even the McDowell study dictate increased funding.

We have heard the argument that fairness is an issue in the present funding formula. We agree that a review of the formula is in order. But is it fair as proposed in SB 36 to impose payroll taxes on the rural areas that are almost four times higher in rural areas than the school taxes assessed property owners in boroughs? We think not.

Therefore we ask that more consideration be given to the revision of the educational funding formula with the goal of improving education in our great state and improving the educational opportunities for all of Alaska's students. You as a member of the 20th Alaska State Legislature have been given a responsibility to pass legislation that is good for the people of our state. SB 36 in its present form does not meet that test.

Quyana (Yup'ik for 'Thank you').

Sincerely yours,



Peter Mathew Sr. Chairman
Chefornak Associate School Board

distributed by request
by Rep. Foster

KASHUNAMIUT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution 98 - 05

THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION URGES THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO REACH TOWARD WHAT IS BEST FOR ALASKA'S CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO PLACE THE AGENDA FOR IMPROVING EDUCATION OF ALASKA'S STUDENTS BEFORE ALL CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS

WHEREAS, the children of the State require the best Alaska political leadership in order to protect their Alaska Constitutional rights to an equal, free, public education; and

WHEREAS, SB36 provides serious decreases in funding of education for some school children; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has not increased per student funding for schools, generally, to offset ten years of inflation; and

WHEREAS, a theme of taxing incomes of those who can least afford it; and

WHEREAS, the McDowell Study was prepared for what can be assumed to be a legislative hidden agenda; and

WHEREAS, the significant divisiveness of proposed legislation that divides citizens into rural and highway camps, generally camps of haves and have nots; and

WHEREAS, litigation to challenge the constitutionality of SB36 will be a significant expense to the State; and

WHEREAS, the fallout from innuendo and misinformation about SB36 requires extensive and continuous debate about the state of education and options for dealing with the future of Alaska's public education, goals and finance; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 36 will force closures of some rural Alaska schools; and


WHEREAS, Rural Education Attendance Area schools in Alaska contribute significantly to the State of Alaska through their Impact Aid Programs;

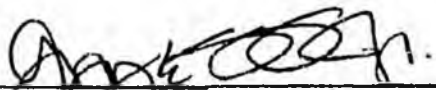
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 1. The Governor and Legislature resolve to appoint a Blue Ribbon Citizen Taskforce to recommend three opportunities that could improve Alaska public schools and their services to all Alaskan Children. 2. The Blue Ribbon Citizen Taskforce recommend a revision of the Funding Act for Education that will

equitably support the unique needs of communities and children of Alaska and delivery services on those opportunities. 3. The accountability for schools rests with local control and an accountability system be established that hold districts and communities accountable for public education. 4. The surplus of PFD be used to address the needs of educating Alaskan children and ensuring that all health needs of Alaskan children are being addressed and accomplished. 5. School leadership is held accountable for reporting the expenditure of State Revenues in specified areas of the budget as determined by the Legislature and the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education for the Kashunamiut School District urges the Governor to veto the bill in its' entirety.

ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 1998 at a duly convened meeting of the Kashunamiut School District Board at which a quorum was present and voting.


Ignatius Chayalkun, President


Gregory E. Slats Jr., Secretary

Manley Hot Springs Gladys Dart School Community School Committee

P.O. Box 29

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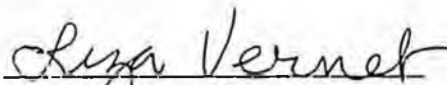
Dear Legislator,

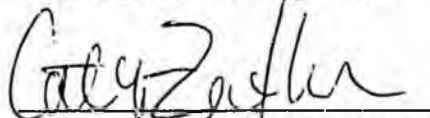
The Manley Hot Springs Community School Committee would like to express their concern over the potential cuts and other detrimental actions to the REAA's from Senate Bill 36. How can cutting money from the rural schools be considered an equitable solution. In our small school our children are provided with a decent education, but it is without any of the extras of the larger school. There are no sports, music, or art programs, no shop facilities, or extracurricular activities. Teachers are being asked to, and do provide a quality education for as many six grade levels in one class. Consider also the costs of running a school in a rural area where high fuel and electric costs take an inordinate percentage of the local budget. We already have a no-frills educational budget, and to cut it further would be very detrimental to the students, our children and our communities.

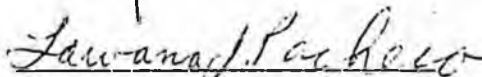
Alaska is not a poor state and we should not have to be fighting for funds, rural vs urban factions pitted against each other. We urge you to please consider all the residents of the State when making your decisions on this important issue. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gladys Dart School Community School Committee


Liza Vernet - Chairperson


Caty Zettler - Vice Chairperson


Lawana Pacheco - Secretary

April 2, 1998

APR 15 1998

Honorable House of Representative Member
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative *Hendley*:

As a member of Edna Bay Community, I strongly urge you to find a more equitable way to fund all of our children's education other than SB36. SB36 threatens all areas of rural lifestyle. My community is the result of the state land sale program and has always strongly supported public education; financially, personally, and physically.

Currently, our school enrollment is lower than SB36's required attendance of 10. If SB36 passes and our school closes, it is going to force many families in our community to relocate and change their livelihood. I don't believe boarding schools or correspondence study are viable or reasonable alternatives for our children's education.

Please vote NO on SB36. I am certain you can find a better answer to our education funding problems than SB36.

I sincerely thank you for taking me seriously.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Smart

**Leslie Bagne10841
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Representative Con Bundy
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 104
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Bunde;

April 15, 1998

I received your letter of April 7, 1998 which indicates that you are firmly supportive of SB 36. It is very rare for me to delve into the political arena. I trust that there are special people, such as you, who thrive on public policy planning and I respect and support them for the service. Since this is my first attempt to influence my representative, I wish this letter could be congratulatory, however it feels adversarial. Please consider my statement and if you find merit, find a way to impact this legislation. First, I must comment on your letter. I realize that this is not a personal letter, but rather a form intending to acknowledge my Public Opinion Message. However, the content is condescending. I agree that all people of Alaska should make a local contribution to their schools. I placed a call to the North Slope Borough since they would not only be reduced, but would be totally without state school funding if SB 36 is passed. I asked specifically if that Borough contributed in-kind or direct dollars to the school district. Apparently, their Assembly has consistently passed budgets that included strong support for their school district. In fact now there is an attempt to penalize them for that level of support. They have been told that they spend too much of their tax dollars supporting education! I do not have the time, nor is it my job to check with all the other districts to determine their level of local support for education. But I tend to believe that the North Slope is not the only district to provide in-kind and/or direct dollars.

It is incredulous to me that anyone could be expected to think that SB 36 has a "fundamental goal of improving Alaska's system of funding schools all around the state." This is not Robin Hood legislation. It clearly would take state money from the predominately Native regions and place it in the city. I have been to several villages and am personally aware that it is costlier to run programs when your district covers hundreds of square miles.

If my count is correct, twenty-one rural Alaska State School Districts will have their education money reduced. Fifteen of these districts are over 77% native, and a predominant number of regions have high numbers of people who live below the poverty level.

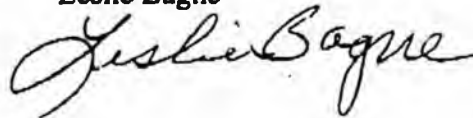
Another concern that is extremely serious is the idea that the State of Alaska lawmakers would even consider disenfranchising a whole region of the state. How can we justify giving no educational services to the North Slope? If the argument is that the legislatures believe that the North Slope has plenty of money and so we can withhold state services from them, please reconsider. This is one state. We have wildly diverse regions and all of their rich cultures are what make this state unforgettable. Please stop

legislation that is so divisive. Clever rhetoric can not cover the fact that legislatures from Anchorage have lost the ability to be statesmen in the true sense of the word, and would rather divide the state along racial and economic lines with this legislation.

The amount of money that my state will pay in legal fees if this legislation is passed will probably be substantial. Please recognize that the state has a responsibility to educate all of its children. Please recognize that costs of running programs vary according to not only the number of children, but also the logistics of providing services to remote locations often not connected by road systems. Please recognize that the greatest asset our state will ever have is its wonderful diversity. We must find a much better way to provide additional funding for the urban schools.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Leslie Bagne



Ps. Please let me know what your thoughts are regarding the \$10 million bond issue to design and plan for two schools in Anchorage. The concept sounds extraordinary expensive to me, and I have not seen information to support it.

Cc: Representative Randy Phillips
Representative Mark Hanley
Representative Gene Therriault

**ANCHORAGE
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Anchorage School Board

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To: House Finance Committee

Please copy and distribute for the
5 AM House Finance meeting on
Monday.

Thanks -
Kathi Gillespie

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TO: HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
DATE: APRIL 19, 1998
RE: SB 36

I understand that you will be discussing SB 36 on Monday and I want to encourage you, on behalf of the Anchorage School Board, to continue to pursue a foundation formula change that is fair, equitable and understandable to the public. As I have been speaking to groups throughout our city, it has become clear to me that this is a very important issue in Anchorage. Our Chamber of Commerce, Assembly, Mayor, and School Board are working together to bring equity to school funding and we encourage you as you work to craft a solution for fair state funding for education.

Thank you for the effort you are making to support Alaska's children.

Sincerely,

Kathi Gillespie
Legislative Chairman
Anchorage School Board

April 98 issue of the
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It's Elementary:

Talking About Gay Issues is a s(l)ick propaganda video featuring gay and lesbian teachers blatantly pushing tolerance and acceptance of homosexuality on kindergarten and elementary students. They can't reproduce so they must recruit—and they will do it by changing the attitudes of children who are being taught that homosexuality is "just another lifestyle choice." This mental molestation of children is sponsored by (no surprise here) the National Education Association (NEA) who is so anxious for your child to view this 78-minute video, that it will send the video free to any school board members who makes a request.

~The OBE Predictor

I pray every day that God will continue to destroy this nation because of the general support by the people for same sex marriages. I hope the legislature will have the backbone to put a stop to this right now.

Rita

Rita Kasper
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Big Lake, Ak. 99652

**P.O. Box 35
Kwigillingok, Alaska 99622
April-17, 1998**

**House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801- 1182**

Dear House Finance Committee,

Waaqa Casit? Wiinga assirtua. SB-aaq assitua.

Nayaagaqa elltauqagu Kass-am nalluclqaa qanelra.

**Igarcllgacllqukut yugcetun Igarcllgacllqukut Call-llu
naqlsccllgacllqukut. Yugcetun kingan mikelnguut
qalartelarclqut.**

**Kelly Lewis
6th Grade
Treasure**

**P.S. It will hurt our feelings and I don't want to let SB 36
pass and if it passes my younger sister won't^{be} able to
talk in yup'ik.**

P.O. Box 04
Kwigillingok, Ak
April 17, 1988

House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee,

Ciin'ggug SB 36 piasaggeciu assitug yumtenun. Kituqan elltenaurat yugtun elltenaurilriit calliyuumliruollqut maani. Tuaten pikan Kwigillingok cimrolqug call-llu yuut elltnauryuumlirluteng. Kituqan call maani Kwigillingokmi yuut kass'atun klingan qalartenglangolqut.

Mikeinguut taun kituqan elltnauryuumliruollqut klingan-llu kass'atun qalartenglangluteng. Wangkuta elitnuarvigmi caknek akiucinrltuukut call elltnaurvigput mik'nani, elpeci taugam akiucipairtuci elltnaurvici-llu angluni.

Wangnek,

Kendra Lewis
5th Grade
Vice Pres.

I don't like SB 36 because it is bad for our people and our school.

P.O. Box 68
Kwigillingok, Ak
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House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee,

Wilinga assilikaqa Senate Bill-36- aaq. Ellitnauristeput Yugtun qalarootullit tamaroocuumlitanka. Mikelnguut ellitnauqataliit Pre-school-ami ellitnauristengqeresqelluki anglirikuneng lganeq wall'u naaqineq yugtun ellisnganiaraat. Yugtun wilinga qalartetuunga yugtun-llu qalaterriainaryugtua unguvalla iquanun. Kass'atun kilngan qalarcuumlitua. Yugtun wii qalartelleq assikaqa. Yuurtellruunga yugtun qalartelrianek nilllua. Taumek wilinga Yugtun qalartelalr'anga.

Wangnok,

John A. John
5th Grade
Class Pres.

The students will have a hard time understanding their teacher if only english were to be used. The teacher will have no idea what the students are talking about.

c/o Kwigillingok School
Kwigillingok A.K. 99622
April 17, 1998

House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau A.K. 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee

SB 36-aaq asallut. SB 36-aam akniroilqakut. Wangkuta piyuumilaput
SB 36-aaq. Ellmikun tamaryuartuq elitnauristeput. SB 36-aaq Itresklu jall-
amun wallutaqevkariuku. Ilakavkutqaa wallu Ilakenritarpekut.

SB 36 is bad. SB 36 can hurt our feelings. We don't want SB 36. The
reason why is we will lose Elsie, our Yup'ik teacher. We need to learn our
Yupik culture. Don't let SB 36 become law. SB 36 is a bad idea. Put SB 36
in the jail.

Sincerely,
Laura Martin

P.O. Box 23
Kwigillingok Ak, 99622
April 17, 1998

House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee,

Wilinga asslikaqa SB 36-aaq oitnauristet
yugtun qalarcatullit aug'arclqut. Pre-school-at
ellngalrucllqut yugtun tua-llu kassatun
tarlingevkenaateng. Mikelnguut tarlingevkenaateng
tuagam yugtun kanrutaqamtegu tarlingetut.

Wilinga,
Luella Igkurak
6th grade

P.S. I hate Senate Bill 36 because the teacher that teach in
yup'ik will not be in school. Preschoolers won't get to
understand in yup'ik. Then they won't understand in English. The
little kids don't understand our teacher that talks in English
,but if we talk to them in yup'ik they will understand us.

P.O. Box 38
Kwigillingok, AK 99622
April 17, 1998

House Finance Committee
State Capital
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear House Finance Committee,

Wiinga eesilikaq Senate Bill 36-aq. Elptessnek akimek
pikici. Ciknavkenaci, elpetcenek akinek pikici. Mikelnguut
Iicetciigaciiqut yugcetvn. Mikelnguut Iicugtut yugcetvn. Elpet una
naqsugngakuvgu naqiu. Wangkute yugcetvn qalartetuukut naqiaqluta-llu
yugcetvn. Yugcetvn eilthavristeput calivkarturyuganka yugcetvun.

P.S I hate Senate bill 36.

Wiinga
Lyle Lewis
6th grade

P.O. Box 77
Kwigllingok, Ak
4-17-98

House Finance Committee

State Capital

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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SB 36-aaq assitug. Kituuqan tauna SB 36-aaq mikelnguut
tarlingesscilgaciliqut kassatstun. Tuall ellsskata kassaystun
yugtestun qalartescilgallirluteng. Elitnauristet maani
elitnaurilyuurunaateng.

Wiinga,

Darcy Beaver
5th grade

P.S. I really hate SB 36!!

Representative Mark Hanley
Rm. 507 Alaska State Legislator
State Capital (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801- 1182

APR 14 1998

Annie Katherine Obruk
Shishmaref High School
P.O. Box 72048
Shishmaref Alaska, 99772

Dear Mark Hanley

I am writing to you in regards to the Senate Bill 36. Please do not vote for this bill because too much money would be taken from rural schools. This would mean we would lose extracurricular activities and other important programs from our school.

The school is very much part of the community, and the community enjoys watching the basketball games and other activities going on in the village.

Going to school in Shishmaref is very important to me, because I enjoy being with my family and helping out my grandparents. If the bill is passed, we may no longer have a high school.

If I had to go to a boarding school, I would not be able to spend time with my family and would not learn things about my culture. To me, my culture is very important, and learning the way my grandparents learned when they were younger. I enjoy listening to my grandparents' telling stories about their childhood.

In closing, I would just urge you not to pass the bill.

Sincerely,

Annie Obruk

Annie Katherine Obruk
Grade: 10th
Shishmaref High School Student

Representative Mark Hanley
Rm. 1001 Alaska State Legislator
State Capitol (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

APR 14 1998

Leona Goodhope
Box 72012
Shishmaref, Alaska 99772

Dear Mr. Hanley:

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What you are doing to our school and the other schools is killing everything that makes school fun such as sports, taking our special ed. teachers, and numerous other things. Do you think that is right?

I am really upset about the senate bill 36.

I appreciate you taking your time to read this letter concerning the SB 36.

Sincerely,

Leona Goodhope
Leona Goodhope
Grade:10th
Site: Shishmaref School

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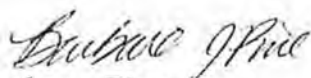
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
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Robert W. McArthur Box 111
TOK AK 99780

Fais A. Morgan Box 527 Tok Ak 99780

Freddie Kelley - P.O. Box 913 TOK, AK. 99780

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Johnny Nielsen Mentasta AK 99780

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Resolution #98-6
Opposition to SB-36 by the Alaska Gateway
School District, Board of Education

Whereas, the Alaska Gateway School District has been in a severe cost cutting mode for the past several years; and

Whereas, the state foundation funding for public schools has not kept pace with inflation over the past decade; and

Whereas, the Alaska Gateway School District sees a bleak year though the next budget cycle if additional funding isn't realized; and

Whereas, certain legislators have shown themselves to be persistent in trying to cut even further the funding that REAAs in the rural areas will receive; and

Whereas, the proposed legislation, SB-36, will further reduce the state funding to Alaska Gateway School District; and

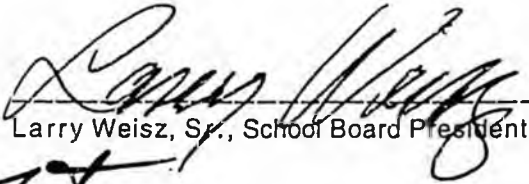
Whereas, 32 school districts across the state with enrollments of 21,000 children will be further cut by SB-36; and


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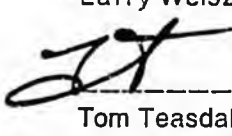
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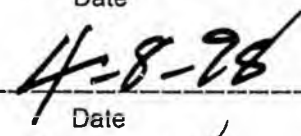
Now therefore be it resolved, by the Members of the Alaska Gateway School District Board of Education that the legislature be asked to vote against SB-36 in any form;

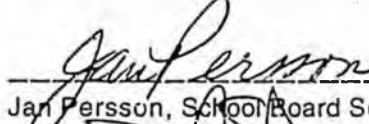
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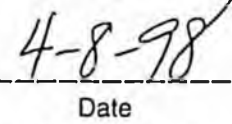

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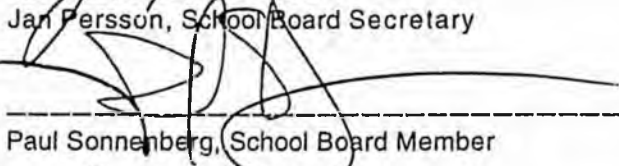

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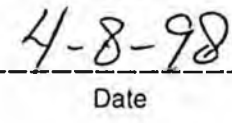

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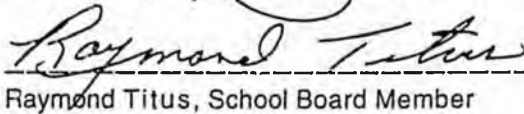

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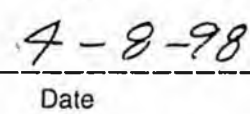

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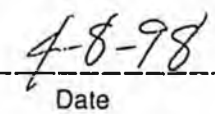

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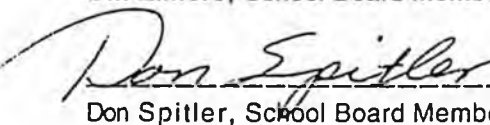

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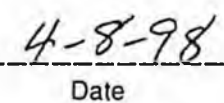

Raymond Titus, School Board Member


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Date



The Alaska Farm Bureau

P.O. Box 2410 • Palmer, AK 99645

Fax 745-2727



29 March 1998

POSITION STATEMENT ON SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUES

It is the position and belief of the Alaska Farm Bureau that no group of Alaska school children should have to suffer the loss of state education dollars. While the Alaska Farm Bureau acknowledges the cost of operating a school district has gone up since the advent of the current funding formula, there are certain inequities in the current funding formula. It is our opinion that the solution should not be to increase funding to urban areas of the state by taking dollars away from the Rural and Bush areas. The current version of SB36 proposes to take dollars away from 32 of the 54 school districts and redistribute those funds to the remaining 22 districts.

Thank you for taking the time to review our feelings on this important issue.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Franklin, President

APR 14 1998

March 31, 1998

Honorable House of Representative Member
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative:

I am writing to you to ask you to vote **no** on SB36. This bill will drastically effect education in the rural setting. As it is the city schools have many advantages over the rural villages. This bill would only take more from us. I find it ironic and hypocritical that some of those republicans who voted for SB36 are those who earlier stood in front of the TV cameras and said we want to support "all the children of Alaska" Are the children in the villages not as important as the city school children? Do they not have the same rights to succeed?

I wish those who voted in favor of this bill would come to rural Alaska and live, not just visit, for a day or two, in order to understand the impact that passing this bill would have. Schools in rural Alaska are more than buildings that serve to educate. They are the center of most rural communizes, they are where everything happens,

It also infuriates me when I hear that rural Alaska does not pay their share. Many of the businesses and organizations, including the legislature, exist because of rural Alaska.

How can we truly educate without the tools to do so? Is this bill really what is best for all Alaskan children? I don't think so and I do not think the people of Alaska think so either. I urge you to vote against this piece of legislature.

Sincerely,

David P. Ferkinhoff

April 9, 1998

WE THE PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS OF DOT LAKE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SENATE BILL 36.

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STRONGLY OPPOSED TO SENATE BILL 36.**

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April 3, 1998

Honorable Sir,

We need to re-assess priorities.

No one to whom I've spoken wants a balanced budget more than they want to serve all of Alaskas children with a good basic education

I have never suffered the notion that rural schools have to have science labs equal to Anchorage, nor arts programs the quality of Juneaus, nor even sports programs good as Ketchikans. I do think it is of paramount importance that we do everything we can to insure that EVERY child in Alaska has the opportunity to learn to read, write, figure, think, and learn.

Unless we enjoy spending money on social services for under-achievers (including unwed mothers and substance abusers), reform schools, prisons and many other 'too-little-too-late' remedial efforts; we need to be sure to empower our children by teaching them to use their brains.

We have a lot to be proud of in our district. We have children being fostered in our communities who are doing better academically than they were in the larger communities from which they came. Oh yes, a caring family is part of the solution...but, that caring family is here in the bush.

Our district has moved a long way toward solving the labor/management divisiveness and has greatly increased the time, money and spirit available for child education by implementing Collaborative Contract Review...getting a thrifty three year contract with our teachers...and untold good-will!

We are well on our way to implementing the standards recently formulated by the state and are about to begin the Alaska Onward To Excellence program which is designed to involve all strata of community in developing educational goals.

We do our own superintendent search, in order to save money, to assure that we'll get a good fit, AND to practice inclusion...we use an eleven person committee involving teachers, office staff and board members to recommend to the board a short list and to participate in the in-person interviews prior to the board making the final choice.

We'll save a bundle because we're moving our central office from Ketchikan to the classrooms in the gym in Thorne Bay, the only gym in the district, by the way.

We've just totally over-hauled our policy, utilizing the professional services of AASB, and once again, doing it ourselves, getting a good fit and saving money.

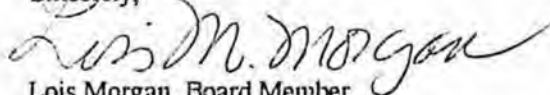
We're going to save money self-insuring our employees benefits package. We invited teachers and office staff to join the committee to investigate and recommend to the board; resulting in good decisions, more inclusion and yet more good will!

All of us came to the great Alaskan bush for our own reasons...those reasons all have to do with the quality of life; none of us intended to sacrifice the quality of our childrens education in order to realize our bush Alaska dream.

To quote one of our teachers, "We may be LITTLE, we may be PODUNK, but we're GOOD!" She's right.

Please apply your considerable talents to finding a better way to satisfy your quite reasonable devotion to fiscal responsibility.

Sincerely,



Lois Morgan, Board Member
SoutheastIsland School District
8048 Kosciusko Drive,
Edna Bay, Alaska 99917

April 2, 1998

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Honorable House of Representative Member

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative:

As a member of Edna Bay Community, I strongly urge you to find a more equitable way to fund all of our children's education other than SB36. SB36 threatens all areas of rural lifestyle. My community is the result of the state land sale program and has always strongly supported public education; financially, personally, and physically.

Currently, our school enrollment is lower than SB36's required attendance of 10. If SB36 passes and our school closes, it is going to force many families in our community to relocate and change their livelihood. I don't believe boarding schools or correspondence study are viable or reasonable alternatives for our children's education.

Please vote NO on SB36. I am certain you can find a better answer to our education funding problems than SB36.

I sincerely thank you for taking me seriously.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Williams

April 7, 1998

APR 14 1998

Dear Representative Hanley,

I have lived in rural Alaska for 20+ years and have seen a great deal of change in rural education. In the late 1970's education was valued in "bush" Alaska and many students worked hard to prove they were the equal of "those" outside the village. In many cases the hard work and importance placed on education paved the way for success today and supported the premise of equal ability. In villages today, young people who were first exposed to "western education" in the '70s are beginning to emerge as leaders in their communities. In the past ten to twelve years, I haven't seen the same importance placed on education by today's students nor do I see it reflected in communities' attitudes toward education. Unfortunately, in many rural Alaskan communities, schools have become just another resource to be tapped by the community for employment, recreation, entertainment, and community meetings. In these communities, schools are no longer seen as providers of a service focused on preparing young people for the future. Many solutions have been considered and some have merit, but SB36 is not one of these.

Accountability is needed in schools throughout Alaska. The state has begun a much needed movement toward accountability with the adoption of standards identifying what students should know and be able to do as a result of public schooling. The implementation of an "exit exam" in 2002, mandated standardized testing, and the Governor's Educational Initiative are all positive steps. Meeting these standards and requirements is not beyond the capabilities of rural students, but they will definitely not be able to meet them if their educational opportunity is taken away.

I would not be opposed to SB36 if I truly believed the intent was educational reform and accountability. However, I see the bill as simply a venue for shifting money from one area of the state to another rather than an effort to improve the quality of education statewide. The timing of SB36 makes me think of the opportunist who has stood by quietly while gunmen horrow the town; then, while everyone is still trying to make sense of what has happened, walks in and takes what he or she wants. Rural schools have been told they will have to meet new standards in 3 to 4 years or face the potential closing of schools. Now, they are being told they will also have to do it with less money. At the same time, under SB36, urban districts are being told they will have to meet the same standards and will have to do it with more money.

The rhetoric and bombast has centered on the issue of money. The discussion ought to center on provision of an equitable educational program statewide that meets local needs. After determination of what constitutes an equitable program, determination of financial costs should be made based on cost differentials. For instance, the need for a chemistry lab exists in Kenai but not in the school I am in. However, I believe the need for a woods and metal shop is probably greater in Kongiganak than the need for a chemistry lab is in Kenai if we look at the percent of students who will use each facility.

Every school and every district can cite financial woes. Anchorage can speak honestly of overcrowded classrooms and high transportation costs. I can speak about working in a building built for 75 students but housing 119 - 159% of planned capacity. This same building is built like a warehouse with grades 3-12 taught in one large open area. Noise and distractions are a way of life in this building but we do not have the money to fix the problem. I can speak of a 90,000 gallon water supply to serve the school for 180 days, barring weekend activities. This comes to a little over 3 gallons per day per person when we figure students and employees in the building.

The supply also serves the bathing and washing needs of staff and families in addition to the normal needs of school food service, cleaning, and sanitation. To operate at all, we must generate our own power and now have to replace the power plant floor because the generators are sinking through it. The water storage tank has settled so we also need to re-plumb and build a new utilidor. The building's floors are rotting and we are patching spots as they become dangerous. One hundred fourteen of one hundred nineteen students qualify for free or reduced meals. We serve breakfast to approximately 95 students and 110 lunches every day. These are facts and they differ markedly from the facts an urban area would cite. What neither of these positions deals with is the educational program being offered.

An equitable educational program in rural Alaska costs more than in the urban areas. Economy of scale and proximity are reality. For example, we were connected to the Internet in January of this year and are trying to take advantage of what modern technology has to offer. Shipping of our computer lab tables was going to cost just over \$1,500 to site or approximately \$860 if I could pick them up in Anchorage. Travel for 12 students and two chaperones to a nearby village for academic competition cost \$1,680. Last year utilities for the site were budgeted at \$118,800 and I was just notified the projected cost overrun was \$17,100. That comes to approximately \$1,142 per student for utilities alone. At a comparable rate, a school of 2,000 could expect a utility bill of \$2,284,000, but this is not the cost in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

The breadth and depth of the educational program will be, and should be, greater in urban areas. But, there are still fundamental needs in rural Alaska such as instructors, support personnel, materials, supplies, facilities, and maintenance that are going to cost more because of size and location.

Often people disagree with a proposal, as I do with SB36, without offering alternative proposals or possibilities. I dislike that tendency, so here goes:

1. With the measures now in place I believe the Governor's Initiative should be made more definitive and timelines put in place. In the next two years, school years 1998-99 and 1999-2000, schools should be put on notice that if they do not meet a floor on standardized testing (say a 12% gain for any school currently having school wide scores below 30 and a minimum of the 25th percentile) they will be taken over by the state and local advisory boards dissolved. They will then have two years from the time of state takeover to make the floor set by the state. I also believe the exit exam should be used as one determining factor. In any four-year period, schools would be required to have at least 75% of students taking the exit exam pass it in order to remain a non-probationary school. Schools that don't meet baseline criteria will be closed or downsized. Education would then be offered through distance delivery and correspondence studies with teachers, fewer in number, acting as facilitators.

2. Consolidation of districts - There are several areas in the state where single site schools are surrounded by a multi-site school district. Also, such as on Prince of Wales Island, there are multiple small school districts that, I believe, would benefit from consolidation. There are currently 27 school districts in the state with enrollments under 500. As long as the battle lines are drawn, I believe now would be a good time to introduce consolidation as an alternative to shifting of money.

3. Closing small schools - Similar in nature is the idea of closing small schools. There are 77 schools in the state with enrollments between 1-25. Even if these were all two-teacher schools, I would question the educational efficacy of a school where two teachers were trying to cover all the standards for 13 grade levels.

4. Incorporate technological delivery systems in small schools. Using integrated learning systems (ILS); distance delivery systems such as those on-line courses offered by North Dakota (NDIS), STEP/STAR, and Galena; many small schools could offer most mandated courses via delivered instruction. The teachers at site would then become more like facilitators than actual instructors. Use of technology would be less labor intensive at site and districts would be able to save on personnel costs by making on-line instructors and students responsible for more of the learning. As facilitators, teachers could oversee and assist with several courses and several curricular areas. If this were the case, the size of buildings in the village would be reduced and concomitantly maintenance costs etc. would go down. Australia's School-of-the-Air might be a good model to explore if provision of education to highly scattered populations over long distances was to be done from a central location.

5. Establish regional boarding schools. It appears contrary to common sense to spend more money in districts where students are successful after taking it away from districts with poorly performing students. If education in rural school is not keeping pace, use the money being taken from village schools to establish regional high schools where village students could board and take advantage of the broad range educational programs enjoyed by students in the more urban districts.

6. Establish an educational buying co-op modeled after the King County Directors Association (KCDA) out of Washington. This co-op would serve all of Alaska's schools and districts and bring about some uniformity in what materials and supplies are used throughout the state through bulk buying, competitive pricing, and lower cost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Pratt Jr." with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Pratt Jr
Principal

Representative Mark Hanley
Rm 507 Alaska State Legislator
State Capitol (MS3100)
Juneau, Ak 99801-1182

APR 14 1998

Shishmaref High School
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Dear Rep. Hanley:

This letter is in regards to the Senate Bill 36. What you are doing is very unethical to Rural Alaska. Boarding schools would probably come back to Rural Alaska. This would be a regression in education in Rural Alaska. We think it is unethical because most of the students that go to Shishmaref High School don't want to go to boarding schools. If we went to boarding schools it would affect our way of life. Families need the help from their children for subsistence. A subsistence lifestyle is very important to families that live in Shishmaref. It is important because that is where we get most of our food we live on.

The Senate Bill 36 would also affect our education by taking away the special education program, vocational education program, extracurricular activities, the library, the computer labs, the aides that help the students, and the staff that make education possible.

The attached signatures are Shishmaref residents opposing SB 36.

Sincerely,

Mattie Weigand Annie Kekeok
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Shishmaref High School

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Kim Smith
P.O. Box NKI
Naukati, AK 99950

Representative Mark Hanley
Room 507
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

My Name is Kimberly Smith. I am an eleventh grade student at Naukati School. I am writing in concern about Senate Bill 36. What will happen to the future of the children whose schools are closed? I know you're trying to do good things, and the only way I can see that happening is if you do not vote for Senate bill 36. All I ask is you consider all the possibilities of saving our schools rather than getting rid of them. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Smith
Kimberly R. Smith

Mike Howard
Box NKL -
Ketchikan, AK 99950

Representative Hanley, Mark
Republican, Dist. 12
Capital Room 507

Honorable Representative Hanley,

Hi, my name is Mike Howard and I go to school in Naukati.

I think it is unfair to fund schools that have more students because they are in cities. In the rural areas funding has already reduced our sports and music has been cut. I am asking you to vote against SB 36.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Mike Howard

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Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 36 for the following reasons: It is irresponsible to set 10 as a minimum number for funding. All students deserve an equal opportunity for an education. Winners and losers are created by SB 36. Districts are pitted against districts in a battle for redistribution of funding.

Please consider the needs of all children and vote against SB 36.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Huffman

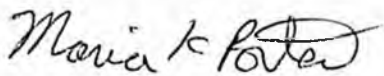
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Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

My name is Maria K. Porter. I live in Southeast Alaska on Prince of Wales Island. Please take part in saving our schools and vote against Senate Bill 36.

Sincerely,



Maria K. Porter

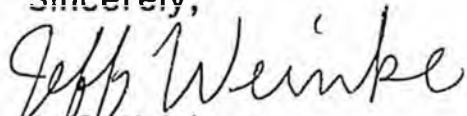
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Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

My name is Jeff Weinke and I am a ninth grade student at Naukati School. I would appreciate it if you would vote against SB 36. This bill would cut funding to rural schools and force closure of small schools. Thank you

Sincerely,


Jeff Weinke

Tucker Thompson
Box NKI -
Ketchikan, AK 99950

Representative Hanley, Mark
Republican, Dist. 12
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Honorable Representative Hanley,

My name is Tucker Thompson. I am an 8th grade student at Naukati School. I am writing to you about my concerns on SB 36. I am asking you to vote against this bill because it will decrease our schools funding and force closure of the smaller schools.

Sincerely,

Tucker Thompson

Tucker Thompson

Thomas C. Ruckman
P.O. Box NKI
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Representative Mark Hanley
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Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

I am an 8th grade student at Naukati School. My name is Thomas C. Ruckman. I am writing to you because I think SB 36 is not fair. I don't think that large schools should get money at the expense of small schools. I would immensely appreciate it if you would vote against Senate Bill 36. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Ruckman

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Amber Carl
Box NKI -
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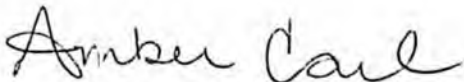
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Honorable Representative Hanley,

My name is Amber Carl. I'm one of 38 students at Naukati School. Naukati is in Southeast Island School District. If SB 36 passes, 5 of our schools would close. I would appreciate it if you would vote against SB 36.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Carl". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Amber Carl

Cassandra Huffman
P.O. Box NKI
Ketchikan, AK 99950

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Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:


My name is Cassandra Huffman, I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade at Naukati School in Naukati, Alaska. I am writing to ask you to vote against Senate Bill 36 for many reasons.

I think all students deserve a chance to have a fair education, even if they live in a rural area with ten or fewer students. Senate Bill 36 is going to close many schools and take away the chance to get an education who live in a rural area. It will also reduce funding from schools like my school that has 38 students and give the funding to larger schools.

Our schools already have funding that can't get much lower. Students shouldn't get less of an education just because they happen to live in a rural area. Students should all have the same chance to get a good education.

Thank you for listening to my concerns about Senate Bill 36. I hope you make the decision to vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassandra Huffman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cassandra Huffman

Ryan Holmes
P.O. Box NK1
Ketchikan, AK 99950

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Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

My name is Ryan Holmes. I am 13 years old and I live in Naukati, Alaska. I'm writing this letter to you because I want you to realize that if you vote for Senate Bill 36, and if it passes, five of our schools in Southeast Island School District will be closed because of too few students. This will also effect funding for school supplies such as computers, books, and paper. I really appreciate you reading my letter and I hope you have taken my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Holmes

Ryan Holmes

Desiree Watkins
P.O. Box NKI
Ketchikan, AK 99950

Representative Mark Hanley
Room 507
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Honorable Rep. Mark Hanley:

My name is Desiree Marie Watkins. I'm in the sixth grade at Naukati School which has 38 students. I am writing in concern of Senate bill 36. I am asking you prevent SB 36 from being passed. I am very aware of this bill and do not believe a bill that is unfair to kids should be passed. All kids should have an equal opportunity to an education. Five of our district's schools would lose funding if the bill passes. I'm asking you to vote against Senate Bill 36.

Thank you for taking your time to read this and taking this letter into consideration.

Sincerely,



Desiree Watkins

Bryan Thompson
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Republican, Dist. 12
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Honorable Representative Hanley,

Hi, my name is Bryan Thompson. I live in Naukati Bay Alaska. I am 12 years old. I am concerned about Senate Bill 36. With all due respect sir, I think you are making a big mistake, because if this bill passes it will shut down many schools in Southeast Alaska and we wouldn't get an education. I would be happy if you would vote against this bill.

Thank You,
Bryan Thompson

Bryan Thompson

Josh C. Musser
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Republican, Dist. 12
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Honorable Representative Hanley,

I am Josh Musser from Naukati School. I am writing about SB 36. I think it is unfair to fund schools with large numbers and not those with smaller numbers. All children deserve an equal opportunity for an education. Five Southeast Island Schools will close if the bill passes.

I am in the 8th grade. I am 14 years old and want an education.
Please vote against SB 36.

Sincerely,

Josh Musser
Josh C. Musser

Duke Ramsdell
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Republican, Dist. 12
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Honorable Representative Hanley,

I am in the 9th grade and I am writing to you in regards to Senate Bill 36. Please vote against this bill. Small schools would lose funding and some would have to close. The big schools should not be getting most of the funding. Education should be available to all students, regardless of where they live.

Please vote against SB 36.

Sincerely,

Duke Ramsdell

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