

ALASKA LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE FILES 86/2

9144 HOUSE HEALTH EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Senator Randy Phillips

March 19, 1998

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Section 24. Technical amendment.

Section 25. Provides that an exceptional child shall be transported with other children if the district provides transportation to other children in the district.

Section 26. Provides that if certain special education appropriations are insufficient, the allocation described in this section shall be reduced on a pro rata basis.

Section 27. Technical amendment.

Section 28. Technical amendment.

Section 29. Technical amendment.

Section 30. Technical amendment.

Section 31. Technical amendment.

Section 32. Provides that child care facility grants shall be adjusted by the same factor as school district funding under AS 14.17.460.

Section 33. Repealers.

Section 34. Establishes a two year transition period for public school funding.

Section 35. Provides that regulations adopted before the effective date of this Act remain in effect if consistent with the provisions of this Act. Requires the department to define by regulation, the term "school".

Section 36. Requires the initial proposed district cost factors be submitted to the department by January 15, 2001.

Section 37. Imposes a two year transition period for the base student allocation.

Section 38. Requires that certain small schools be included in the largest school in the district for purposes of calculating the school size factor under AS 14.17.450.

Section 39. Establishes a two year transition period for the minimum expenditure for instruction requirement imposed under AS 14.17.520.

Section 40. Effective date.

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FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill Version: CSB 36 (FIN)
 (S) Publish Date: 3-10-98

STATE OF ALASKA
 1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
 Revision Date: March 4, 1998
 Title: An Act relating to transportation of public school students; relating to school construction grants; etc.
 Sponsor: Senator Phillips
 Requester: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Education
 BRU: K-12 Support
 Component: Pupil Transportation
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 144

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	\$1,461.5	\$1,505.3	\$1,550.5	\$1,597.0	\$1,644.9	\$1,694.3
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	\$1,461.5	\$1,505.3	\$1,550.5	\$1,597.0	\$1,644.9	\$1,694.3

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0					
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CHANGE IN REVENUES	0.0					
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	\$1,461.5	\$1,505.3	\$1,550.5	\$1,597.0	\$1,644.9	\$1,694.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTLA						
Other						
TOTAL	\$1,461.5	\$1,505.3	\$1,550.5	\$1,597.0	\$1,644.9	\$1,694.3

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0					
PART-TIME	0					
TEMPORARY	0					

Estimate of current year (FY98) impact: \$ 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

The fiscal impact noted above is based on the assumption that Anchorage School District would be reimbursed for 90% of all costs associated with district-operated school transportation, including contract administration costs of approximately \$204,000, and 100% of costs associated with contracted to/from school transportation, but not including deducts from contracted transportation for hazardous or kindergarten routes. An inflation factor of 3% is assumed for FY00 through FY04.

Prepared by: Eddy Jeans, School Finance Director Phone: 465-8687
 Division: Education Support Services Date: 3/4/98
 Approved by Commissioner: Shirley J. Holloway, Ph. D. *[Signature]*
 Agency: Department of Education Date: 3/4/98

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Senate Bill 36. Sec. 1 (Amended to 90%)

Anchorage S.D.---FY97 Statement of Operations

90% Reimbursement under proposed method \$5,350,999
(90% of total costs as stated on the district's
transportation statement of operations for
district-operated services: \$5,945,555)

Less: Reimbursement under current method (3,973,414)
(66.83% of total costs: \$5,945,555)

Difference Between Current and Proposed Method \$1,377,585

FY98 3% increase	\$1,418,913
FY99 3% increase	\$1,461,480
FY00 3% increase	\$1,505,324
FY01 3% increase	\$1,550,484
FY02 3% increase	\$1,596,999
FY03 3% increase	\$1,644,909
FY04 3% increase	\$1,694,256

Revision Date: <u>March 9, 1998</u>	Dept. Affected: <u>Revenue</u>
Title: <u>Public School Funding</u>	BRU: <u>Revenue Operations</u>
	Component: <u>Income and Excise Audit</u>
Sponsor: <u>Senator Phillips</u>	
Requestor: <u>Senate Finance</u>	COMPONENT SERIAL NO: <u>113</u>

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CONTRACTUAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EQUIPMENT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES (GF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1001 CBRF						
1048 University of AK receipts						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 36 has been amended to delete provisions related to an employment tax. The proposed bill, in its current version, does not effect Department of Revenue tax programs or operating expenditures.

Prepared by: Brett Fried
 Division: Income and Excise Audit
 Approved by Commissioner: Wilson L. Condon
 Agency: Revenue

Phone: (907) 465-3682
 Date: March 9, 1998
 Date: March 9, 1998

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FISCAL NOTE

No. 5

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: CSSB 36 (FIN)

(S) Publish Date: 3-10-98

Revision Date (Note if correction): _____
 Title: Public School Funding
 Sponsor: Senator Phillips
 Requestor: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Labor
 BRU: Office of the Commissioner
 Component: Commissioner's Office
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 340

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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CHANGE IN REVENUE FUND SOURCE #						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipt						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY98) impact: \$ None

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Department of Labor does not anticipate any fiscal impact with the deletion of sections imposing a tax on wage and business income in the unorganized borough.

Prepared by: Arbe Williams, Director Phone: 465-2720
 Division: Administrative Services Division Date: 3/9/98
 Approved by Commissioner: Tom Cashen, Commissioner
 Agency: Department of Labor Date: 3/9/98

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State Funding Per ADM Selected School Districts

School District	ADM	Existing State Aid	SB 36 State Aid	FY 98 Local Contrib	Existing plus \$50 million	SB 36 plus \$50 million
Alaska Gateway	522	\$ 9,577.00	\$ 8,511.00	\$ -	\$ 10,191.00	\$ 9,083.00
Total		\$ 4,999,194.00	\$ 4,442,742.00	\$ -	\$ 5,319,702.00	\$ 4,741,326.00
Alcution Region	67	\$ 17,560.00	\$ 16,584.00	\$ -	\$ 18,695.00	\$ 17,666.00
Total		\$ 1,176,520.00	\$ 1,111,128.00	\$ -	\$ 1,252,565.00	\$ 1,183,622.00
Anchorage	47832.75	\$ 3,931.00	\$ 4,178.00	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 4,517.00
Total		\$ 188,030,540.25	\$ 199,845,229.50	\$ 91,360,552.50	\$ 203,528,351.25	\$ 216,060,531.75
Delta/Grceely	834	\$ 5,813.00	\$ 6,415.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 6,237.00	\$ 6,877.00
Total		\$ 4,848,042.00	\$ 5,350,110.00	\$ 49,206.00	\$ 5,201,658.00	\$ 5,735,418.00
Fairbanks	16447.5	\$ 3,928.00	\$ 4,216.00	\$ 1,704.00	\$ 4,254.00	\$ 4,561.00
Total		\$ 64,605,780.00	\$ 69,342,660.00	\$ 28,026,540.00	\$ 69,967,665.00	\$ 75,017,047.50
Galena	1379	\$ 4,822.00	\$ 3,695.00	\$ 478.00	\$ 5,127.00	\$ 3,930.00
Total		\$ 6,649,538.00	\$ 5,095,405.00	\$ 659,162.00	\$ 7,070,133.00	\$ 5,419,470.00
Kenai	10341.96	\$ 4,068.00	\$ 4,382.00	\$ 2,725.00	\$ 4,417.00	\$ 4,751.00
Total		\$ 42,071,093.28	\$ 45,318,468.72	\$ 28,181,841.00	\$ 45,680,437.32	\$ 49,134,651.96
Ketchikan	2719	\$ 3,219.00	\$ 4,105.00	\$ 27,398.00	\$ 3,524.00	\$ 4,426.00
Total		\$ 8,752,461.00	\$ 11,161,495.00	\$ 74,495,162.00	\$ 9,581,756.00	\$ 12,034,294.00
Kodiak	2897	\$ 4,790.00	\$ 5,005.00	\$ 1,963.00	\$ 5,179.00	\$ 5,407.00
Total		\$ 13,876,630.00	\$ 14,499,485.00	\$ 5,686,811.00	\$ 15,003,563.00	\$ 15,664,079.00
Lower Kuskokwim	3642	\$ 10,618.00	\$ 8,615.00	\$ -	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 9,223.00
Total		\$ 38,670,756.00	\$ 31,375,830.00	\$ -	\$ 41,336,700.00	\$ 33,590,166.00
Mat-Su	12641	\$ 4,601.00	\$ 4,742.00	\$ 1,757.00	\$ 4,937.00	\$ 5,086.00
Total		\$ 58,161,241.00	\$ 59,943,622.00	\$ 22,210,237.00	\$ 62,408,617.00	\$ 64,292,126.00
North Slope	2037	\$ 5,737.00	\$ -	\$ 13,574.00	\$ 6,301.00	\$ -
Total		\$ 11,686,269.00	\$ -	\$ 27,650,238.00	\$ 12,835,137.00	\$ -
Petersburg	775	\$ 4,095.00	\$ 4,911.00	\$ 2,365.00	\$ 4,427.00	\$ 5,294.00
Total		\$ 3,173,625.00	\$ 3,806,025.00	\$ 1,832,875.00	\$ 3,430,925.00	\$ 4,102,850.00
Sitka	1750	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 4,184.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 3,821.00	\$ 4,537.00
Total		\$ 6,142,500.00	\$ 7,322,000.00	\$ 4,226,250.00	\$ 6,686,750.00	\$ 7,939,750.00
Skagway	130	\$ 5,260.00	\$ 3,716.00	\$ 5,786.00	\$ 5,772.00	\$ 4,216.00
Total		\$ 683,800.00	\$ 483,080.00	\$ 752,180.00	\$ 750,360.00	\$ 548,080.00
Tanana	113	\$ 11,095.00	\$ 9,652.00	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 11,815.00	\$ -
Total		\$ 1,253,735.00	\$ 1,090,676.00	\$ 125,995.00	\$ 1,335,095.00	\$ -
Wrangell	514	\$ 4,498.00	\$ 4,996.00	\$ 2,646.00	\$ 4,857.00	\$ 5,387.00
Total		\$ 2,311,972.00	\$ 2,567,944.00	\$ 1,360,044.00	\$ 2,496,498.00	\$ 2,768,918.00
Yukon Flats	444	\$ 13,871.00	\$ 12,190.00	\$ -	\$ 14,813.00	\$ 13,030.00
Total		\$ 6,158,724.00	\$ 5,412,360.00	\$ -	\$ 6,576,972.00	\$ 5,785,320.00

McDowell Report

In 1997, the Legislature appropriated \$500,000 to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee for a comparative study of state employee wages and benefits and for a study of the costs of operating a school based on school size and geographical location.

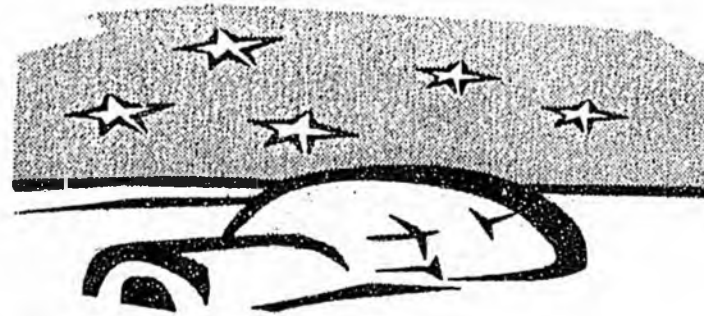
The Budget and Audit Committee appointed a subcommittee consisting of Rep. Hanley, Sen. Wilken, and Senator Phillips to prepare an RFP and contract with a consulting firm to produce a study of school operating costs. Staff worked with the Departments of Administration and Education and with other education professionals to write an RFP. This RFP was sent to education finance and economic consulting firms throughout the United States.

The Committee received proposals from three firms. These proposals were reviewed by Duane Guilley, former director of school finance for the State of Alaska, Janet Stokesbury, the finance officer for the Anchorage School District, Dave Tonkovich, staff economist for the division of Legislative Finance. Rick Cross of the Department of Education declined an invitation to review the proposals, expressing the concern that one of the proposers would see him as biased. All evaluators choose the McDowell Group's proposal as the most responsive to the Committee's RFP.

The contract was awarded for \$275,000. The McDowell Group performed its study during the period from November 1997 to mid-January 1998. After the draft study report was released, the McDowell Group worked with Legislators to convert the size adjustments into a formula and to refine geographical cost adjustments into a single District Cost Factor that can be used in legislation. These factors are contained in the final report on the Alaska School Operating Cost Study.

Important points from the study:

- **First statewide study of actual school costs in Alaska commissioned by the Legislature since statehood. Other studies were cost of living studies.**
- **Funding is adjusted for size at the school level instead of the funding community level.**
- **Teacher salaries do not vary from district to district because of cost of living differences.**
- **District level non-personal services and administrative costs vary widely between districts based on district size and location.**



Senate Bill 36

A proposal to bring

Simplicity & Fairness

to the way Alaska funds its public
schools



Since 1988, State of Alaska
General Fund dollar
support of the public
school Foundation Formula
has increased

54.3%.

(\$409 m to \$631 m)

In that same time, the
number of public school
students to be educated in
Alaska

has increased

27.9%.

(101,142 to 129,426)

SB 36

Does Address

(A) Simplicity

Per Student Dollar replaces an Instructional Unit.

(B) Fair Share Contribution

Organized areas are put on an equal basis of funding for education.

(C) Categorical Definition without verification

Districts are block granted for their local distribution.

Does Not Address

(A) Lack of funding participation by Unorganized Areas

Simplicity

**“Per Student Dollar”
replaces an
“Instructional Unit”**

The New Foundation Formula

SB 36

Annual Commitment of Student Dollar

X

Actual Number of Students*

+

Developmentally Disabled Dollars

-

Local Required Support

=

STATE FOUNDATION SUPPORT

[*Number of Students adjusted for: (1) Size and location of school
& (2) Foundation support for special education needs]

Local Required
Participation
(organized)

REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

Current

4 mills of property value

or

* 35% of prior year's State support

Proposed

4 mills of property value

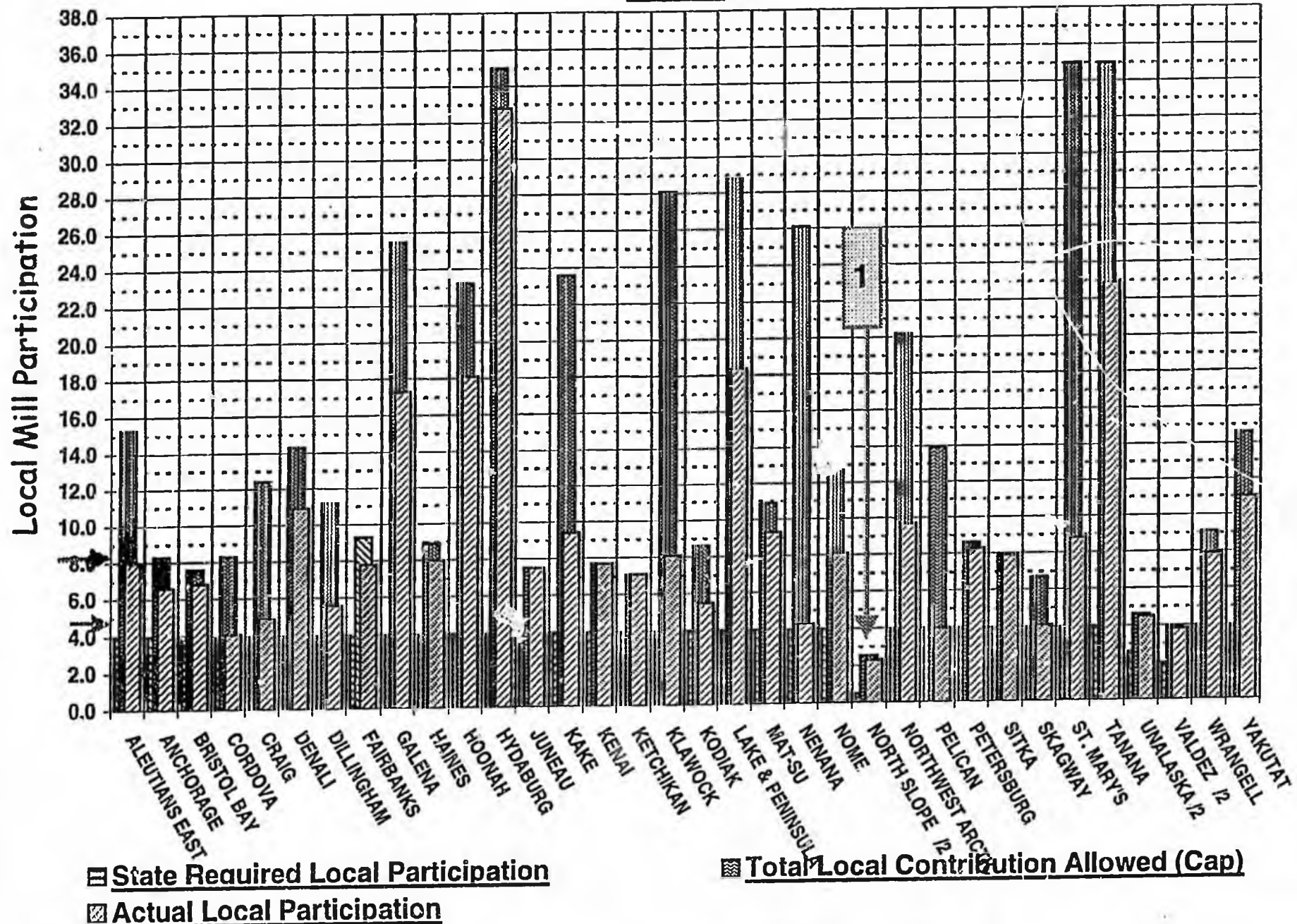
or

* 100% of local education requirement

APPLIES to ORGANIZED AREAS of ALASKA ONLY

Local Funding Participation by School District

1996



FAIR SHARE

DEFINED BY:

EQUAL FUNDING PARTICIPATION BY ALL DISTRICTS

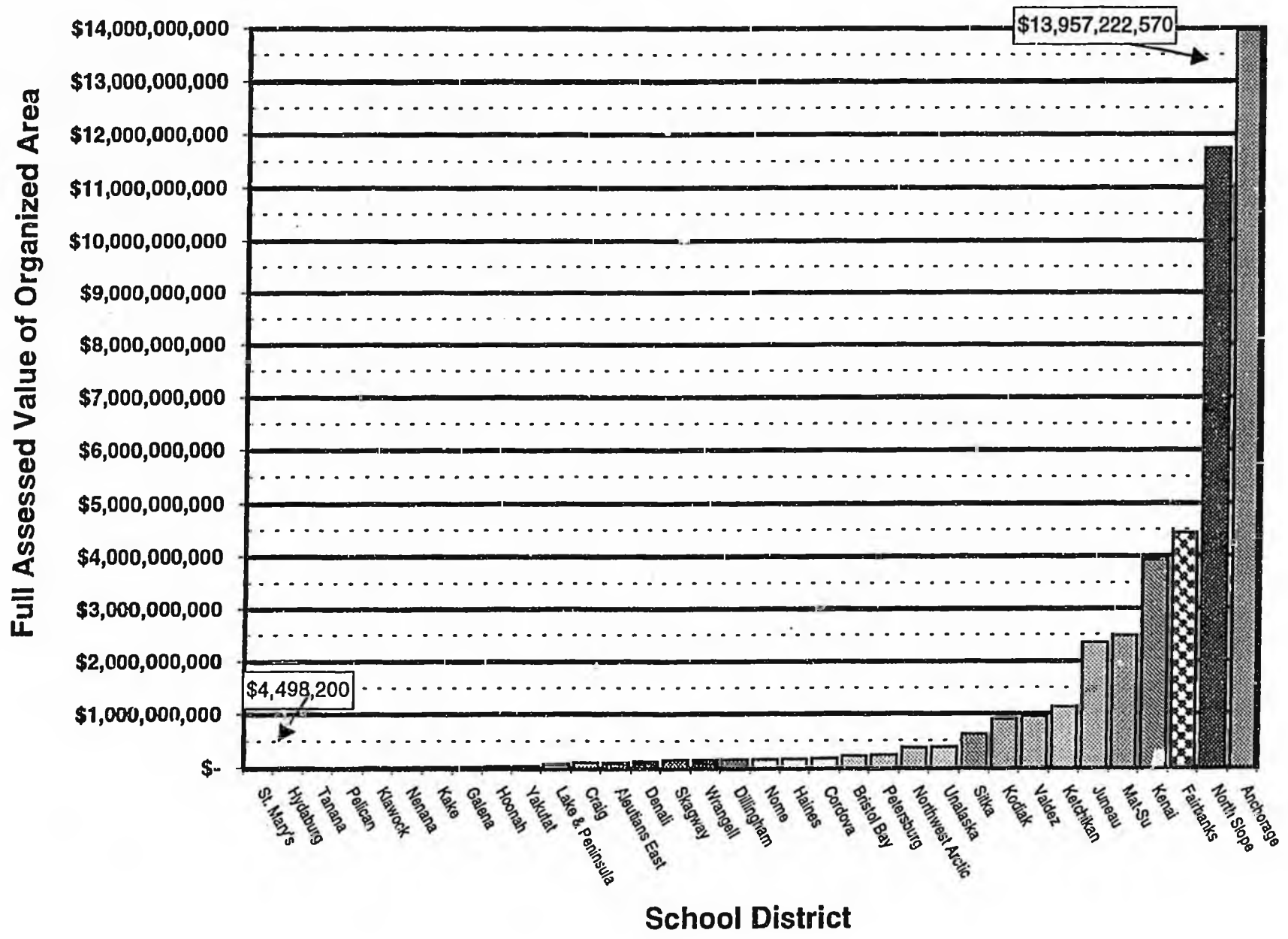
BASED ON:

ASSESSED VALUE OF ORGANIZED AREA

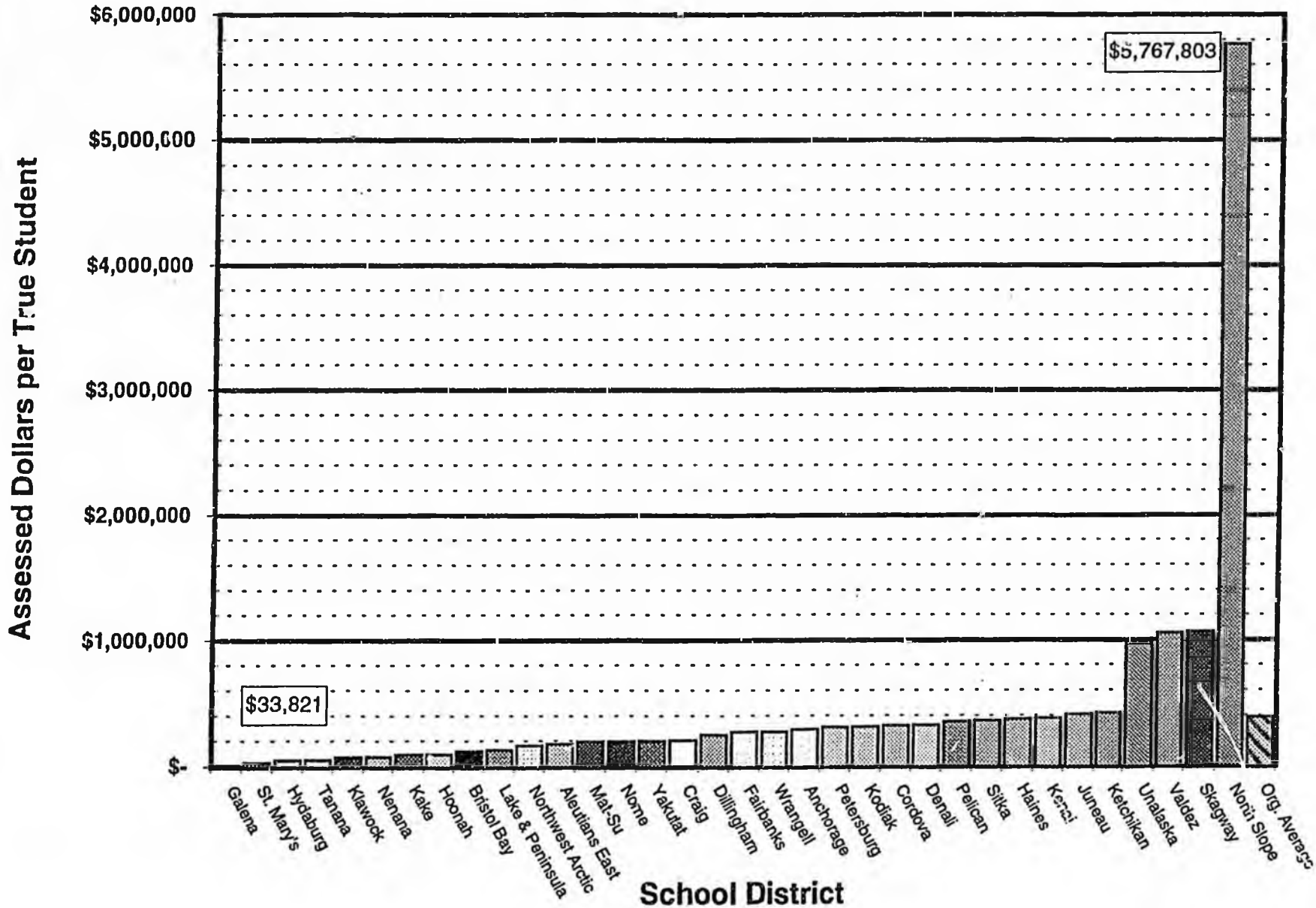
WHY ASSESSED VALUE?

- 1) "ARMS LENGTH" RELATIVE EVALUATION OF THE WEALTH OR LACK OF WEALTH OF A COMMUNITY.
- 2) VALIDATED BY AN OBJECTIVE CIVIC AND JUDICIAL APPEAL PROCESS AT NO COST TO THE STATE.
- 3) READILY AVAILABLE FROM ORGANIZED GOVERNMENTS.
- 4) INCREASES / DECREASES ANNUALLY.

Full Assessed Value 1997

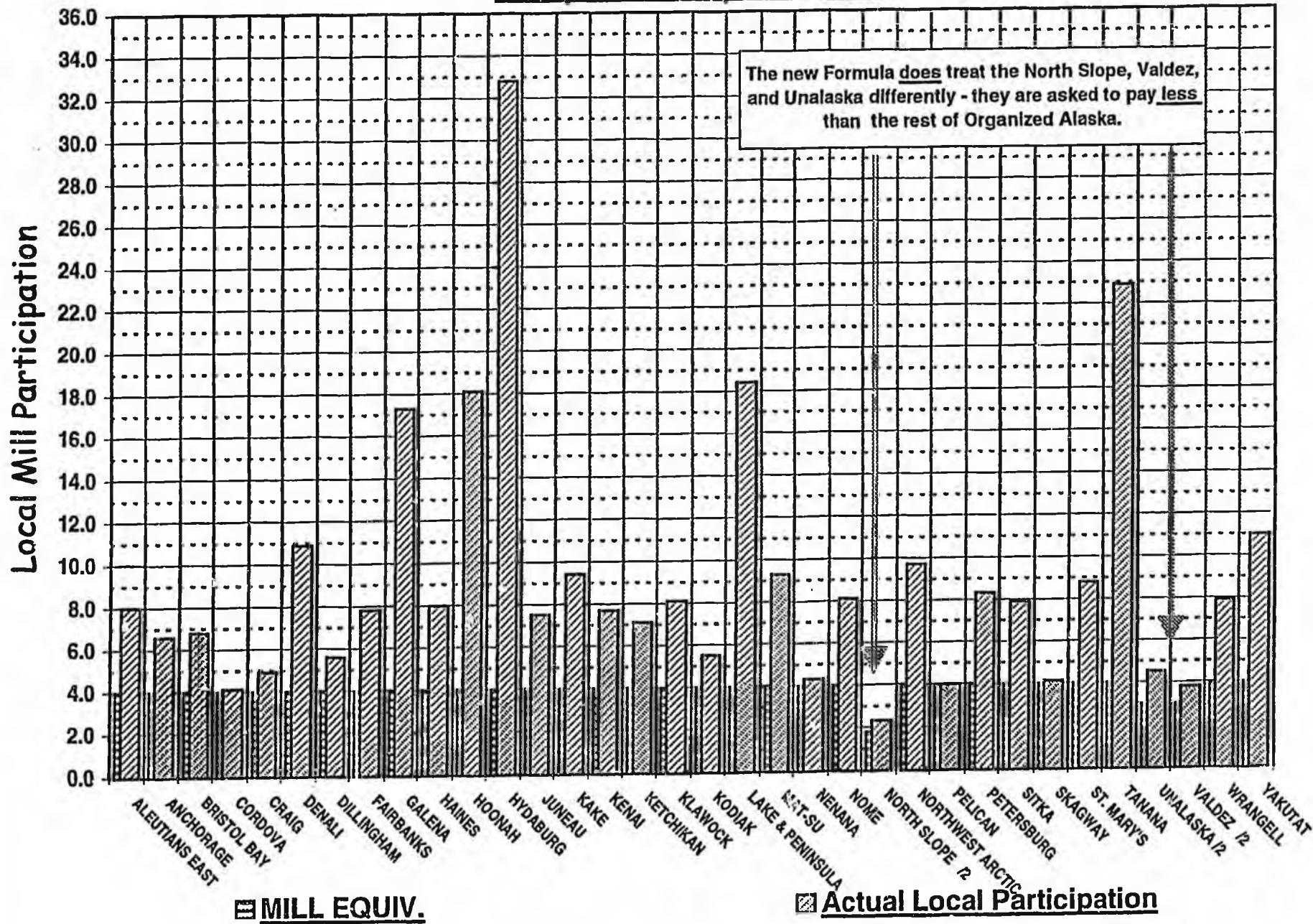


Assessed Value per True Student (ADM)
by Assessed Dollar of School District
Organized Governments only



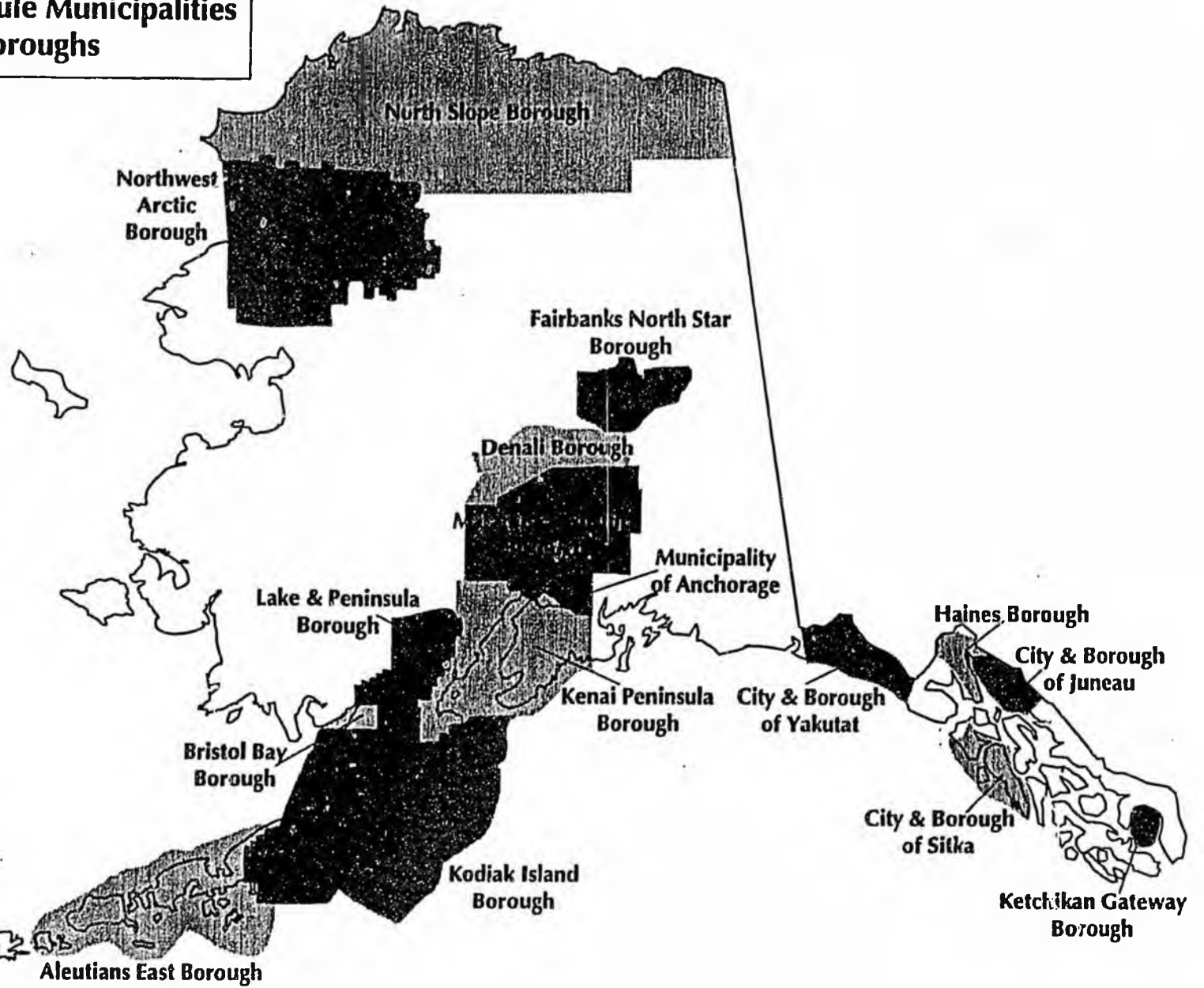
Local Funding Participation by School District

Proposed by SB 36



Unorganized
Areas of Alaska

— State of Alaska —
Unified Home Rule Municipalities
and Boroughs



REAA WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT - 1996 (Source: Alaska Dept. of Labor)

	WAGE TYPE			NUMBER EMPLOYED		
	GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE	TOTAL	GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE	TOTAL
LOWER KUSKO.	\$ 56,831,456	\$ 62,741,929	\$ 119,573,385	2,008	2,930	4,938
S.W. REGION	16,373,320	38,838,089	\$ 55,211,409	534	1,482	2,016
S.E. ISLANDS	11,322,779	29,252,980	\$ 40,575,759	451	1,092	1,543
LOWER YUKON	22,242,490	9,829,649	\$ 32,072,139	1,089	669	1,758
CHATHAM	9,024,224	19,682,839	\$ 28,707,063	358	646	1,004
DELTA-GREELEY	14,997,750	11,581,805	\$ 26,579,555	460	445	905
COPPER RIVER	9,268,886	13,233,987	\$ 22,502,873	283	596	879
ALEUTIAN REGION	326,148	18,775,462	\$ 19,101,610	15	479	494
YUKON FLATS	6,944,361	11,657,499	\$ 18,601,860	239	278	517
AK GATEWAY	8,685,353	9,170,488	\$ 17,855,841	255	454	709
ANNETTE ISLAND	10,596,318	5,136,734	\$ 15,733,052	381	186	567
PRIBILOF IS.	5,206,387	8,384,196	\$ 13,590,583	168	456	624
BERING STRAIT	4,225,098	8,144,761	\$ 12,369,859	348	652	1,000
CHUGACH	1,989,053	8,542,651	\$ 10,531,704	61	276	337
YUKON-KOYUKUK	3,879,926	6,014,779	\$ 9,894,705	226	138	364
KUSPUK	6,522,797	2,727,825	\$ 9,250,622	198	131	329
IDITAROD	7,311,887	1,527,993	\$ 8,839,880	264	93	357
TOTALS	\$ 195,748,233	\$ 265,243,666	\$ 460,991,899	7,338	11,003	18,341

NOTES

- 1) REAA Estimated population - 1996 - > 19 yrs. of age = 31,155
- 2) 3% School Tax on Gross Earnings = \$13.93 million (remitted quarterly on current ESD report)
- 3) \$13.93 million divided by 18,541 wage earners = \$751.31 / yr. "head tax".
- 4) 1996 State Support to REAA's was ~\$135,000,000.

Categorical Funding

Monies identified through the foundation formula for special education needs.

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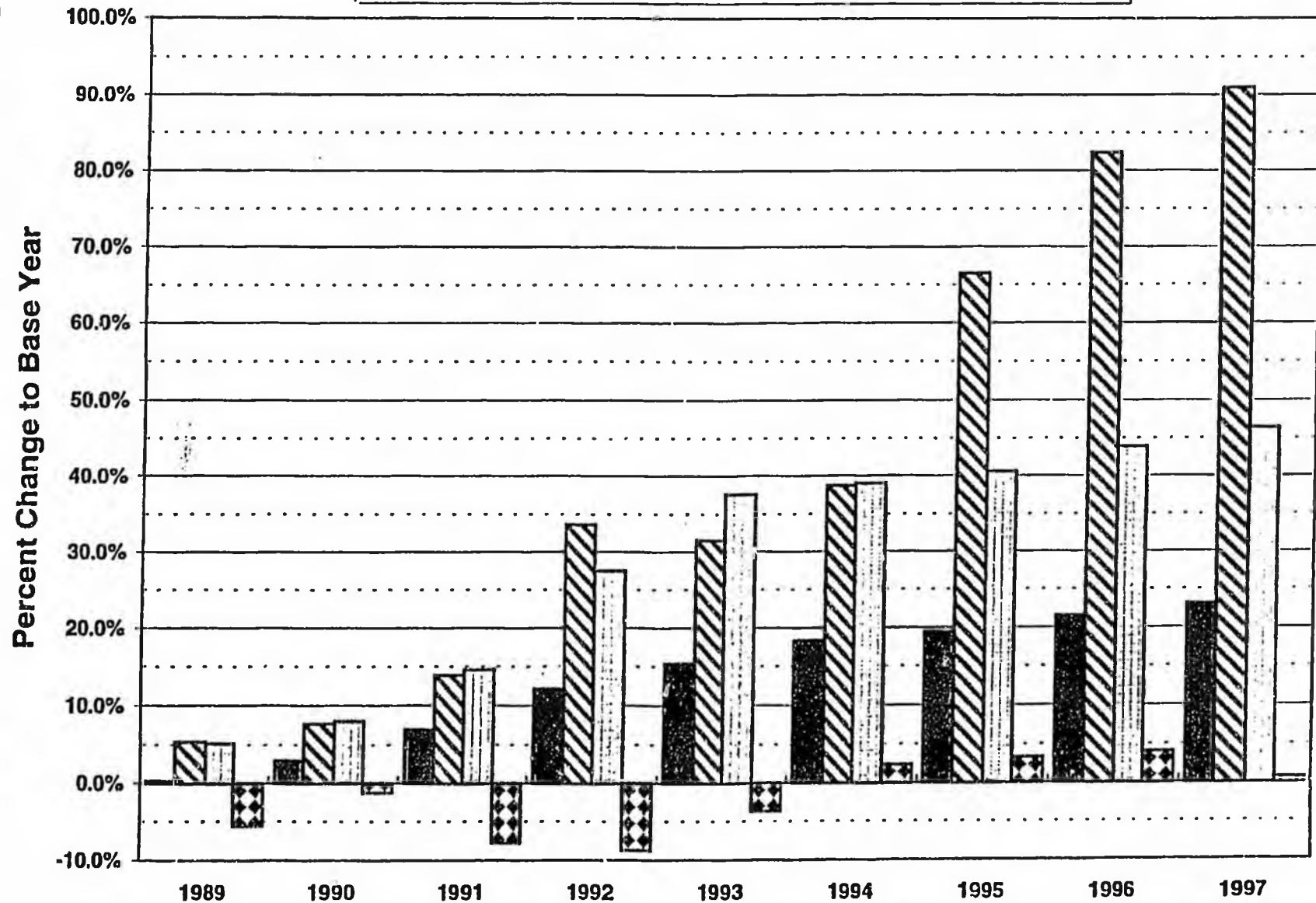
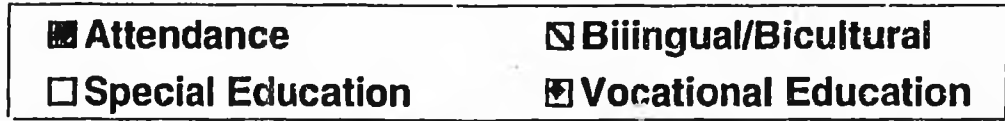
GT, Bi-Lingual, Bi-Cultural,
Voc Ed.

Current Formula

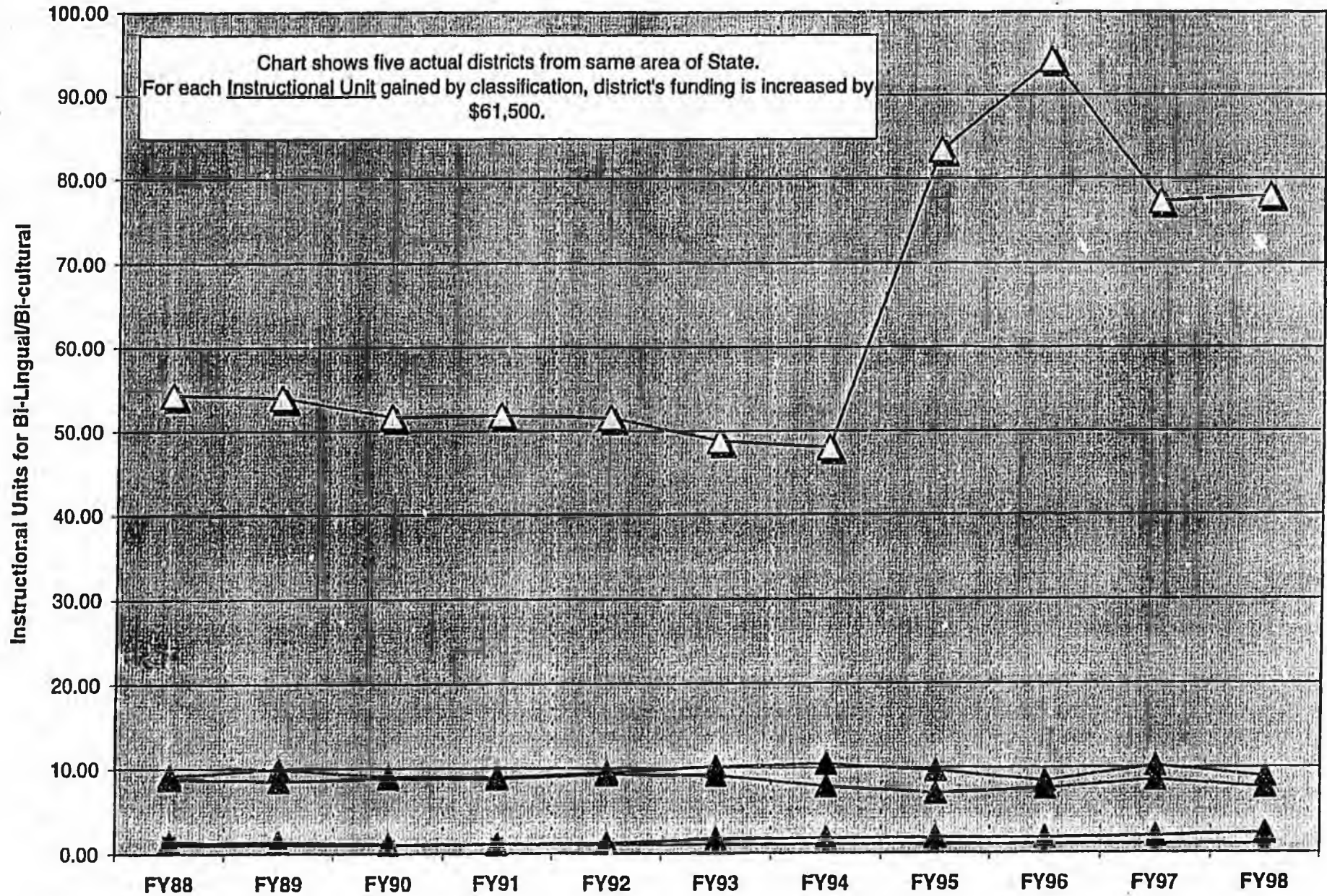
Districts define & count, then State Provides Funding based on definition & count, but...

Audits are minimal and Districts are not required to spend them for categorical needs

Growth in Categorical Funding Requirements (1988 to 1997) Percent Change to Base Year (1988)



Bi-Lingual/Bi-Cultural Instructional Units 1988 to 1998 Actual Example Districts



Senate Bill CS 36
Results of Legislation

	B	D	F	G	H	I	J	M	N
1	Alaska Department of Education								
5	Foundation Program; School Districts, Funding Communities and Schools								
6	4/17/98								
7	School	School		District	Funding	Funding	School	Adjusted ADM	
8	Totals:	District:	School:	ADM:	Community:	Community	ADM:	District:	School:
9	7	ALASKA GATEWAY		522.00				748.97	
11		Dot Lake School			DOT LAKE	15.00	15.00		39.60
12		Eagle Community School			EAGLE	23.00	23.00		44.46
13		Mentasta Lake School			MENTASTA	52.00	52.00		88.58
14		Walter Northway School			NORTHWAY	90.00	90.00		141.90
15		Tanacross School			TANACROSS	20.00	20.00		39.60
16		Tetlin School			TETLIN	29.00	29.00		54.18
17		Tok School			TOK	293.00	265.00		340.65
18		Out of District Correspondence					28.00		
20	3	ALEUTIAN REGION		67.00				141.48	
21		Nikolski School			NIKOLSKI	13.00	13.00		39.60
22		Yakov E. Nesvetov School			ATKA	27.00	27.00		50.94
23		Adak School			ADAK	27.00	27.00		50.94
25	6	ALEUTIANS EAST		345.00				566.44	
26		Akutan School			AKUTAN	23.00	23.00		44.46
27		Cold Bay School			COLD BAY	13.00	13.00		39.60
28		False Pass School			FALSE PASS	20.00	20.00		39.60
29		King Cove School			KING COVE	140.00	140.00		205.40
30		Nelson Lagoon School			NELSON LAGOON	15.00	15.00		39.60
31		Sand Point School			SAND POINT	134.00	134.00		197.78
33	93	ANCHORAGE		47,832.75				52,208.39	
34		Abbott Loop Elementary			ANCHORAGE	41,284.50	540.00		600.40
35		Airport Heights Elementary					336.00		409.52
36		Aurora Elementary					455.00		522.20
37		Baxter Elementary					464.50		530.94
38		Bayshore Elementary					527.00		588.44
39		Bear Valley Elementary					468.50		534.62
40		Bowman Elementary					551.00		610.52
41		Campbell Elementary					493.00		557.16
42		Chester Valley Elementary					301.50		376.08
43		Chinook Elementary					491.50		555.78
44		Chugach Optional Elementary					230.00		304.50
45		College Gate Elementary					491.00		555.32
46		Creekside Park					369.00		441.53
47		Denali School					509.00		571.88
48		Fairview Elementary					430.00		499.20
49		Family Partnership Charter School					451.00		518.52
50		Gladys Wood Elementary					497.00		560.84
51		Government Hill Elementary					426.00		495.52
52		Hullman Elementary					461.00		527.72
53		Inlet View Elementary					240.00		315.30
54		Kasuun Elementary					595.50		652.38
55		Kennedy Elementary					225.00		299.10
56		Kincaid Elementary					448.00		515.76
57		Klatt Elementary					525.00		586.60
58		Lake Hood Elementary					480.00		545.20
59		Lake Otis Elementary					566.00		624.32
60		Mountain View Elementary					425.00		494.60
61		Mt. Spurr Elementary					265.00		340.65
62		Mildoon Elementary					414.00		484.48
63		North Star Elementary					498.00		561.76
64		Northwood Elementary					349.50		422.62

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8									
65			Nunaka Valley Elementary				365.00		437.65
66			Ocean View Elementary				376.50		448.81
67			O'Malley Elementary				469.00		535.08
68			Orion Elementary				426.00		495.52
69			Piarmigan Elementary				355.50		428.44
70			Rabbit Creek Elementary				423.50		493.22
71			Rogers Park Elementary				443.50		511.62
72			Russian Jack Elementary				386.00		458.02
73			Sand Lake Elementary				553.50		612.82
74			Scenic Park Elementary				507.00		570.04
75			Spring Hill Elementary				579.50		636.74
76			Susitna Elementary				581.50		638.58
77			Taku Elementary				396.50		468.21
78			Turnagain Elementary				374.50		446.87
79			Ursa Major Elementary				209.00		281.82
80			Ursa Minor Elementary				216.00		289.38
81			William Tyson Elementary				381.00		433.77
82			Williwaw Elementary				611.00		665.72
83			Willow Crest Elementary				467.00		533.24
84			Wonder Park Elementary				518.00		580.18
85			Northern Lights ABC Elementary				507.00		570.04
86			Tudor Elementary				502.50		565.90
87			Central Middle				800.00		835.60
88			Clark Middle				834.00		864.16
89			Denali JR High				57.00		96.03
90			Golden View Middle				775.00		814.60
91			Hanshaw Middle				895.00		915.40
92			Mears Middle School				1054.00		1048.96
93			Romig Middle				726.00		771.52
94			Wendler Middle				971.00		979.24
95			Dimond High				2147.00		1967.38
96			East High				1923.00		1778.92
97			Service High				2335.00		2131.72
98			West High				1621.00		1525.24
99			Bartlett High				1825.00		1696.60
100			Steller Secondary				314.00		388.18
101			Benny Benson Secondary/S.E.A.R.C.H.				337.00		410.49
102			*Charter North Hospital				8.00		0.00
103			Booth Memorial Home				18.00		39.60
104			Maplewood Group Home				14.00		39.60
105			McLaughlin Youth Center				167.00		236.46
106			Jesse Lee Home				18.00		39.60
107			North Star Hospital				10.00		39.60
108			Polaris K-12				458.50		525.42
109			Providence Heights				10.00		39.60
110			S.A.V.E.				263.00		338.71
111			Walden Pond Charter				140.00		205.40
112			Whaley Center				173.00		242.94
113			Aquarian Charter				120.00		180.00
114			ACE/ACT				54.00		91.56
115			A.V.A.I.L.				64.00		106.46
116			Alaska School for the Deaf		ALASKA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	43.00	43.00		75.17
117			Mirror Lake Elementary		EAGLE RIVER	6,361.75	236.00		310.98

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118			Eagle River Elementary				367.00			439.59
119			Alpenglow Elementary				540.00			600.40
120			Birchwood Elementary				339.00			412.43
121			Chugiak Elementary				511.00			573.72
122			Fire Lake Elementary				337.50			410.98
123			Homestead Elementary				443.00			511.16
124			Ravenwood Elementary				401.00			472.52
125			Gruening Middle School				612.00			666.64
126			Mirror Lake Middle				510.00			572.80
127			Chugiak High				2065.25			1898.41
128			Girdwood School		GIRDWOOD	143.50	143.50			209.85
129										
130	3	ANNETTE ISLANDS		391.00					572.48	
131			Metlakatla High School		ANNETTE	391.00	125.00			136.35
132			R. J. Elementary				173.00			242.94
133			Leask Middle School				91.00			143.17
134			In District Correspondence				2.00			
135										
136	15	BERING STRAIT		1,809.41					2,657.55	
137			Aniguin School		ELIM	103.87	103.87			159.51
138			Anthony B. Andrews School		ST. MICHAELS	123.00	123.00			133.81
139			Brevig Mission School		BREVIG MISSION	103.00	103.00			158.41
140			Diomedea School		DIOMEDE	61.00	61.00			101.99
141			Gambell School		GAMBELL	201.10	201.10			273.29
142			Golovin School		GOLOVIN	60.14	60.14			100.71
143			James C. Isabell School		TELLER	81.00	81.00			130.47
144			Koyuk Malemute School		KOYUK	90.48	90.48			142.51
145			Savoonga School		SAVOONGA	166.91	166.91			247.36
146			Shaktolik School		SHAKTOOLIK	72.00	72.00			118.38
147			Shismaref School		SHISMAREF	185.00	185.00			255.90
148			Stebbins School		STEBBINS	185.00	185.00			255.90
149			Unalakleet School		UNALAKLEET	242.91	242.91			318.44
150			Wales School		WALES	60.00	60.00			100.50
151			White Mountain School		WHITE MOUNTAIN	74.00	74.00			121.38
152										
153	2	BRISTOL BAY		308.00					406.44	
154			Bristol Bay School		BRISTOL BAY	292.00	292.00			366.84
155			South Naknek School		SOUTH NAKNEK	16.00	16.00			39.60
156										
157	7	CHATHAM		297.00					542.62	
158			Angoon School		ANGOON	146.00	146.00			213.02
159			Cube Cove School		CUBE COVE	30.00	30.00			55.80
160			Elfin Cove School		ELFIN COVE	11.00	11.00			39.60
161			Gustavus School		GUSTAVUS	70.00	70.00			115.40
162			Hobart Bay School		HOBART BAY	10.00	10.00			30.60
163			Klukwan School		KLUKWAN	15.00	15.00			39.60
164			Tenakee Springs School		TENAKEE SPRINGS	15.00	15.00			39.60
165										
166	3	CHUGACH		146.00					161.63	
167			Chenega Bay School		CHENEGA BAY	14.00	14.00			39.60
168			Tatitlek Community School		TATITLIK	30.00	30.00			55.80
169			Whittier Community School		WHITTIER	102.00	37.00			66.23
170			In District Correspondence				45.00			
171			Out of District Correspondence				20.00			
172										
173	8	COPPER RIVER		829.50					920.15	
174			*Chistochina School		CHISTOCHINA	9.00	0.00			0.00

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175			Copper Center Elementary School		COPPER CENTER	53.00	53.00		90.07
176			Gakona Elementary School		GAKONA	27.00	27.00		50.94
177			Glennallen School		GLENNALLEN	584.50	234.00		308.82
178			Glennallen School K-6				136.50		200.96
179			Kenny Lake School		KENNY LAKE	128.00	128.00		190.16
180			Lottie Sparks School		LOTTIE SPARKS	12.00	12.00		39.60
181			Slana School		SLANA	18.00	16.00		39.60
182			In District Correspondence				37.00		
183			Out of District Correspondence				186.00		
185	2	CORDOVA		530.00				678.00	
186			Cordova School		CORDOVA	530.00	220.00		293.70
187			Mt. Eccles Elementary				310.00		384.30
189	3	CRAIG		447.00				577.32	
190			Craig Elementary		CRAIG	447.00	219.00		292.62
191			Craig High School				175.00		245.10
192			Alternative High School				14.00		39.60
193			In District Correspondence				30.00		
194			Out of District Correspondence				9.00		
196	6	DELTA/GREELY		824.00				1,110.31	
197			Charter School		DELTA JUNCTION	808.00	65.00		107.95
198			Delta Junction Elementary School				190.00		261.30
199			Delta Junction High School				220.00		293.70
200			Fort Greely School				280.00		355.20
201			Alternative High School				28.00		52.58
202			Healy Lake School		HEALY LAKE	16.00	16.00		39.60
203			In District Correspondence				25.00		
205	3	DENALI		355.00				504.20	
206			Anderson School		ANDERSON	87.00	87.00		138.09
207			Cantwell School		CANTWELL	31.00	31.00		57.29
208			Tri-Valley School		HEALY	237.00	234.00		308.82
209			In District Correspondence				3.00		
211	2	DILLINGHAM		619.00				767.63	
212			Dillingham Elementary		DILLINGHAM	619.00	336.00		409.52
213			Dillingham High School				283.00		358.11
215	30	FAIRBANKS		16,447.50				17,376.43	
216			Anderson Elementary School		EIELSON	1,662.50	480.50		545.66
217			Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High School				613.00		667.56
218			Crawford Elementary School				569.00		627.08
219			Anne Wien Elementary School		FAIRBANKS	11,404.50	516.00		578.32
220			Joy Elementary School				480.00		545.20
221			Lathrop High School				1472.00		1400.08
222			Pearl Creek Elementary School				572.50		630.30
223			Ryan Middle School				869.00		893.56
224			University Park Elementary School				553.50		612.82
225			West Valley High School				1218.00		1186.72
226			Wood River Elementary School				543.50		603.62
227			Chinook Charter School				94.00		146.98
228			Denali Elementary School				456.50		523.58
229			Fairbanks Youth Academy				72.00		118.38
230			Howard Luke Alternative Sr. High School				169.00		238.62
231			Hunter Elementary School				354.50		427.47

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232			Ladd Elementary School				518.00		580.16
233			Barnette Elementary School				509.50		572.34
234			New Beginnings Charter				18.00		39.60
235			Nordale Elementary School				435.50		504.26
236			Tanana Middle School				881.00		903.64
237			Arctic Light Elementary School				636.50		689.18
238			Weller Elementary School				545.50		605.46
239			Salcha Elementary School		SALCHA	86.50	86.50		137.46
240			North Pole Elementary School		NORTH POLE	3,161.00	438.50		507.02
241			North Pole High School				1012.00		1013.68
242			North Pole Middle School				791.00		828.04
243			Badger Road Elementary School				477.50		542.90
244			Ticasuk Brown Elementary School				442.00		510.24
245			Two Rivers Elementary School		TWO RIVERS	133.00	133.00		196.51
246			In District Correspondence				490.00		
247									
248	3	GALENA		1,379.00				356.60	
249			Galena Elementary School		GALENA	1,379.00	101.00		155.87
250			Galena High School				83.00		133.01
251			Galena Charter School				38.00		67.72
252			Out of District Correspondence				1157.00		
253									
254	4	HAINES		438.00					
255					HAINES	426.00		644.20	
256			Haines High School				150.00		218.10
257			Haines Junior High School				76.00		124.12
258			Haines Elementary School				191.00		262.38
259			Mosquito Lake Elementary School		MOSQUITO LAKE	12.00	12.00		39.60
260			In District Correspondence				9.00		
261									
262	2	HOONAH		270.00				398.10	
263			Hoonah Elementary		HOONAH	140.00	140.00		205.40
264			Hoonah High School			130.00	130.00		192.70
265									
266	2			125.00				208.45	
267		HYDABURG	Hydaburg Elementary		HYDABURG	62.00	62.00		103.48
268			Hydaburg Jr/Sr. High School			63.00	63.00		104.97
269									
270	10	IDITAROD		436.00				760.58	
271			Blackwoll School		ANVIK	21.00	21.00		41.22
272			David-Louis Memorial School		GRAYLING	73.00	73.00		119.87
273			Holy Cross School		HOLY CROSS	72.00	72.00		118.38
274			Innoko River School		SHAGELUK	43.00	43.00		75.17
275			Lime Village School		LIME VILLAGE	19.00	19.00		39.60
276			McGrath School		MCGRATH	142.00	142.00		207.94
277			Minchumina Community School		LAKE MINCHUMINA	12.00	12.00		39.60
278			Takotna Community School		TAKOTNA	40.00	20.00		39.60
279			Takotna Charter School				20.00		39.60
280			Top of the Kuskokwim School		NIKOLAI	14.00	14.00		39.60
281									
282	11	JUNEAU		5,750.00				6,218.92	
283			Auke Bay Elementary School		JUNEAU	5,750.00	424.00		493.68
284			Charter School				40.00		70.70
285			Dzantik'l Heeni Middle School				717.00		767.24
286			Floyd Dryden Middle School				665.00		715.40
287			Gastineau Elementary School				353.00		426.01
288			Glacier Valley Elementary School				394.00		465.78

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288			Harborview Elementary School				462.00		528.64
290			Juneau Douglas High School				1620.00		1524.40
291			Mendenhall River Elementary School				484.00		548.88
292			Riverbend Elementary School				465.00		531.40
293			Ya Kooos Alternative High School				97.00		150.79
294			In District Correspondence				29.00		
296	3	KAKE		190.00				312.22	
297			Kake Elementary School		KAKE	190.00	94.00		146.98
298			Kake Jr. High				30.00		55.80
299			Kake High School				66.00		109.44
301	1	KASHUNAMIUT		279.00				354.23	
302			Chevak School		CHEVAK	279.00	279.00		354.23
304	41	KENAI PENINSULA		10,341.96				12,548.19	
305			Chapman Elementary School		ANCHOR POINT	244.46	244.46		320.12
306			Cooper Landing School		COOPER LANDING	36.77	36.77		65.89
307			Homer Charter		HOMER	1,413.11	22.86		44.23
308			Homer Flex				29.81		55.49
309			Homer Intermediate School				331.91		405.55
310			Homer Junior High School				237.51		312.61
311			Homer Senior High School				557.49		616.49
312			Paul Banks Elementary School				233.53		308.31
313			Hope School		HOPE	17.89	17.89		39.60
314			Kachemak Selo School		KACHEMAK SELO	68.57	68.57		113.27
315			Tustumena Elementary School		KASILOF	279.24	279.24		354.46
316			Kenai Central High School		KENAI	1,789.75	530.66		591.81
317			Kenai Junior High School				425.33		494.90
318			Kenai Alternative School				45.71		75.21
319			Mountain View Elementary				393.53		465.32
320			Sears Elementary				394.52		466.28
321			McNeil Canyon Elementary		MCNEIL CANYON	149.06	149.06		216.91
322			Moose Pass School		MOOSE PASS	33.79	33.79		61.45
323			Nanwalek School		NANWALEK	58.63	58.63		98.46
324			Nikiski Elementary School		NIKISKI	1,164.68	278.25		353.50
325			Nikiski Middle/High School				550.54		610.10
326			North Star Elementary School				335.89		409.41
327			Nikolaevsk School		NIKOLAEVSK	152.04	152.04		220.30
328			Ninilchik School		NINILCHIK	228.56	228.56		302.94
329			Port Graham School		PORT GRAHAM	37.76	37.76		67.36
330			Razdolna Elementary School		RAZDOLNA	37.76	37.76		67.36
331			Susan B. English School		SELDOVIA	94.41	94.41		147.50
332			Bayview Charter School		SEWARD	854.63	19.88		39.60
333			Seward Elementary School				395.51		467.24
334			Seward Jr/Sr High School				439.24		507.70
335			Alternative School		SOLDOTNA	3,178.01	97.37		151.26
336			Aurora Borealis Charter				99.38		153.81
337			Kalifornsky Beach Elementary				424.33		493.98
338			Redoubt Elementary School				441.23		509.53
339			Skyview High School				620.10		674.09
340			Soldotna Elementary School				365.70		438.33
341			Soldotna High School				563.46		621.98
342			Soldotna Middle School				468.44		534.56
343			Sterling Elementary School		STERLING	342.84	342.84		416.15
344			Bartlett School		TYONEK	41.74	41.74		73.29

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345			Voznesenka School		VOZNESENKA	118.26	118.26		177.79
346			In District Correspondence				98.00		
347									
348	8	KETCHIKAN		2,719.00				3,160.98	
349			Houghtaling Elementary School		KETCHIKAN	2,719.00	488.00		552.56
350			Ketchikan Charter School				69.00		113.91
351			Ketchikan High School				725.00		770.60
352			Point Higgins Elementary School				282.00		357.14
353			Revilla High School				117.00		176.19
354			Schoenbar Middle School				403.00		474.36
355			Valley Park Elementary School				278.00		353.26
356			White Cliff Elementary School				288.00		362.96
357			In District Correspondence				69.00		
358									
359	1	KLAWOCK		215.00				288.30	
360			Klawock School		KLAWOCK	215.00	215.00		288.30
361									
362	15	KODIAK ISLAND		2,897.00				3,478.96	
363			Akhiok School		AKHIOK	37.66	37.66		67.22
364			Big Sandy Lake School		BIG SANDY LAKE	23.41	23.41		45.13
365			Chiniak School		CHINIAK	28.47	26.47		50.07
366			Danger Bay School		DANGER BAY	15.27	15.27		39.60
367			*Karluk School		KARLUK	9.16	0.00		0.00
368			East Elementary School		KODIAK	2,565.16	451.96		519.40
369			Kodiak Middle School				393.93		465.72
370			Kodiak High School				667.12		717.35
371			Main Elementary School				279.93		355.13
372			North Star Elementary School -- Kodiak				293.16		367.97
373			Peterson Elementary				410.22		481.00
374			Larsen Bay School		LARSEN BAY	34.61	34.61		62.67
375			Old Harbor School		OLD HARBOR	82.45	82.45		132.31
376			Ouzinkie School		OUZINKIE	42.75	42.75		74.80
377			Port Lions School		PORT LION	60.06	60.06		100.59
378			In District Correspondence				78.00		
379									
380	11	KUSPUK		510.00				891.15	
381			Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary		ANIAK	195.00	84.00		134.28
382			Aniak Middle School				48.00		82.62
383			Aniak High School				63.00		104.97
384			Crow Village Sain School		CHUATHUALUK	43.00	43.00		75.17
385			Johnnie John Sr School		CROOKED CREEK	43.00	43.00		75.17
386			Zackar Levi Elementary School		LOWER KALSKAG	75.00	75.00		122.85
387			George Willis School		RED DEVIL	14.00	14.00		39.60
388			Jack Egnaty Sr. School		SLEETMUTE	21.00	21.00		41.22
389			Gusty Michael School		STONY RIVER	16.00	16.00		39.60
390			George Morgan Sr. High School		UPPER KALSKAG	103.00	72.00		118.38
391			Joseph & Olinga Gregory School				31.00		57.29
392									
393	15	LAKE & PENINSULA		518.00				965.27	
394			Chignik Bay School		CHIGNIK BAY	17.00	17.00		39.60
395			Chignik Lagoon School		CHIGNIK LAGOON	31.00	31.00		57.29
396			Chignik Lake School		CHIGNIK LAKE	46.00	46.00		79.64
397			Egegik School		EGEGIK	22.00	22.00		42.84
398			Iqigig School		IGIGIG	16.00	16.00		39.60
399			Ivanof Bay School		IVANOF BAY	11.00	11.00		39.60
400			Kokhanok School		KOKHANOK	64.00	59.00		99.01

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401			Levelok School		LEVELOK	23.00	23.00		44.46
402			Newhalen School		NEWHALEN	89.00	89.00		140.63
403			Nondalton School		NONDALTON	73.00	73.00		119.87
404			Pedro Bay School		FEDRO BAY	12.00	12.00		39.60
405			Perryville School		PERRYVILLE	39.00	39.00		69.21
406			Pilot Point School		PILOT POINT	28.00	28.00		52.56
407			Port Alsworth School		PORT ALSWORTH	13.00	13.00		39.60
408			Port Heiden School		PORT HEIDEN	34.00	34.00		61.76
409			In District Correspondence				5.00		
411	26	LOWER KUSKOKWIM		3,642.00				5,045.00	
412			Akluk Memorial School		AKLUK	73.00	73.00		119.87
413			Akula Eliitnavuk School		AKULA	89.00	89.00		140.63
414			Joann A. Alexie Memorial School		ATMAUTLAUK	79.00	79.00		127.93
415			Bethel Regional High School		BETHEL	1,375.00	464.73		531.15
416			Bethel Youth Facility				24.52		46.92
417			Bethel-Kilbuck Elementary				486.05		550.76
418			Bethel-Mikelnguut Eliitnavurviat				399.71		471.32
419			Chaptinguak School		CHEFORNAK	132.00	132.00		195.24
420			Eek School		EK	89.00	89.00		140.63
421			Rocky Mountain School		GOODNEWS	82.00	82.00		131.74
422			Chief Paul Memorial		KIPMUK	197.00	197.00		268.86
423			Dick R Kiunya		KONGIGANAK	114.00	114.00		172.38
424			Kwethluk Community School		KWETHLUK	208.00	208.00		280.74
425			Kwigillingok School		KWIGILLINGOK	93.00	93.00		145.71
426			Nelson Island School		TOKSOOK BAY	171.00	171.00		240.78
427			Nuniwaarmiut School		MEKORYUK	50.00	50.00		85.60
428			William N Miller Meml		NAPAKIAK	108.00	108.00		164.76
429			Z. John Williams Memorial School		NAPASKIAK	126.00	126.00		187.62
430			Ayaprun High School		NEWTOK	86.00	86.00		136.82
431			Nightmute School		NIGHTMUTE	62.00	62.00		103.48
432			Anna Tobeluk Memorial School		NUNAPITCHUK	139.00	139.00		204.13
433			Ougcuun Memorial School		OSCARVILLE	15.00	15.00		39.60
434			Arviq School		PLATINUM	10.00	10.00		39.60
435			Quinhagak School		QUINHAGAK	155.00	155.00		223.50
436			Lewis Angapak Memorial School		TUNTUTULIAK	87.00	87.00		138.09
437			Paul T. Albert Memorial School		TUNUNAK	102.00	102.00		157.14
439	11	LOWER YUKON		1,850.60				2,520.67	
440			Alakanak School		ALAKANAK	178.90	178.90		249.31
441			Emmonak School		EMMONAK	264.75	264.75		340.41
442			Hooper Bay School		HOOPER BAY	392.55	392.55		464.37
443			Kollik School		KOTLIK	186.75	186.75		257.79
444			Marshall School		MARSHALL	93.90	93.90		146.85
445			Mountain Village School		MOUNTAIN VILLAGE	248.85	248.85		324.86
446			Pilot Station School		PILOT STATION	173.05	173.05		242.99
447			Pitkas Point School		PITKAS POINT	44.15	44.15		76.88
448			Russian Mission		RUSSIAN MISSION	92.25	92.25		144.76
449			Scammon Bay School		SCAMMON BAY	125.80	125.80		187.37
450			Sheldon Point School		SHELDON POINT	49.65	49.65		85.08
452	30	MAT-SU		12,641.00				13,549.15	
453			Palmer High School		PALMER	3,168.70	941.92		954.81
454			Palmer Junior High				745.80		789.74
455			Sherrad				423.14		492.89
456			Academy Charter School				81.15		130.66

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457			Swanson				380.63		452.81
458			Wasilla High School		WASILLA	3,338.73	977.66		984.84
459			Alternative				169.06		238.69
460			Wasilla Middle School				853.66		889.08
461			Iditarod				458.88		525.77
462			Snowshoo				377.73		450.00
463			Tanaina				491.73		555.99
464			Colony High School		COLONY	3,384.14	1127.40		1110.62
465			Colony Middle School				875.26		898.82
466			Coltonwood Creek				446.32		514.22
467			Pioneer Peak				393.19		464.99
468			Finger Lake				541.96		602.21
469			Su Valley		MAT-SI VALLEY	234.75	234.75		309.63
470			Houston		HOUSTON	571.91	571.91		629.76
471			Big Lake		BIG LAKE	626.01	472.41		538.21
472			Midnight Sun Charter School				89.84		141.70
473			Big Lake Annex				63.76		106.10
474			Glacier View		GLACIER VIEW	61.83	61.83		103.22
475			Talkeetna		TALKEETNA	114.00	114.00		172.37
476			Trapper Creek		TRAPPER CREEK	39.61	39.61		70.12
477			Willow		WILLOW	208.67	208.67		281.46
478			Skwentna		SKWENTNA	21.25	21.25		41.63
479			Butte		BUTTE	325.56	325.56		399.40
480			Sutton		SUTTON	111.10	111.10		168.69
481			Goose Bay		GOOSE BAY	421.21	421.21		491.11
482			Beryozava		BERYOZAVA	13.52	13.52		39.60
483			In District Correspondence				596.06		
485	1	NENANA		220.00				199.05	
486			Nenana K-12 School		NENANA	220.00	135.00		199.05
487			In District Correspondence				20.00		
488			Out of District Correspondence				65.00		
490	3	NOME		709.00				956.83	
491			Alternative High School		NOME	789.00	29.00		54.18
492			Nome Elementary School				435.00		503.80
493			Nome /Beltz Jr/Sr High				325.00		398.85
495	10	NORTH SLOPE		2,037.00				2,629.23	
496			Nunamiut School		ANAKTUVUK PASS	77.54	77.54		126.07
497			Meade River School		ATQASUK	69.33	69.33		114.40
498			Barrow High School		BARROW	1,175.86	203.43		275.80
499			Fred Ipalook				712.45		759.05
500			Ebin Hopon Middle				259.98		335.78
501			Harold Kaveolook School		KAKTOVIK	67.50	67.50		111.68
502			Nuiqsut Trapper School		NUIQSUT	145.04	145.04		211.81
503			Tikiqag School		POINT HOPE	260.90	260.90		336.67
504			Cully School		POINT LAY	74.80	74.80		122.56
505			Alak School		WAINWRIGHT	166.03	166.03		235.41
507	12	NORTHWEST ARCTIC		2,248.00				2,950.50	
508			Ambler School		AMBLER	115.00	115.00		173.65
509			Buckland School		BUCKLAND	157.00	157.00		225.66
510			Deering School		DEERING	44.00	44.00		76.66

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511			Kiana School		KIANA		123.00	123.00	183.81
512			McQueen School		KIVALINA		147.00	147.00	214.29
513			Kobuk School		KOBUK		28.00	28.00	52.56
514			Kotzebue Elementary School		KOTZEBUE		904.00	485.00	549.80
515			Kotzebue Jr/Sr High School					404.00	475.28
516			Napaaglugmlut School		NOATAK		150.00	150.00	218.10
517			Aggeluk School		NORVIK		219.00	219.00	292.62
518			Selawik		SELWIK		272.00	272.00	347.44
519			Shungnak		SHUNGNAK		89.00	89.00	140.63
520			In District Correspondence					15.00	
521									
522	1	PELICAN		38.00				67.72	
523			Pelican School		PELICAN		38.00	38.00	67.72
524									
525	3	PETERSBURG		775.00				993.42	
526			Petersburg Elementary School		PETERSBURG		775.00	358.00	430.86
527			Petersburg High School					233.00	307.74
528			Petersburg Middle School					184.00	254.82
529									
530	2	PRIBILOF		196.00				299.06	
531			Saint George Island School		ST. GEORGE		52.00	52.00	88.58
532			St. Paul Island School		ST. PAUL		144.00	144.00	210.48
533									
534	5	SITKA		1,750.00				1,993.10	
535			Baranof Elementary School		SITKA		1,750.00	285.00	360.05
536			Blatchely Jr High School					385.00	457.05
537			Pacific Alternative					50.00	85.60
538			Sitka High School					505.00	568.20
539			Verstovia Elementary School					455.00	522.20
540			In District Correspondence					70.00	
541									
542	1	SKAGWAY		130.00	SKAGWAY			192.70	
543			Skagway School				130.00	130.00	192.70
544									
545	12	SOUTHEAST ISLAND		269.00				500.47	
546			*Craig Logging School		CRAIG		8.00	0.00	0.00
547			*Edna Bay School		EDNA BAY		9.00	0.00	0.00
548			JR Gildersleeve		JR. GILDERSLEEVE		12.00	12.00	39.60
549			Hollis School		HOLLIS		23.00	23.00	44.46
550			Howard Valentine		HOWARD VALENTINE		27.00	27.00	50.94
551			*Kassan		KASAAN		8.00	0.00	0.00
552			Naukatl School		NAUKATI		39.00	39.00	69.21
553			*Polk Inlet School		POLK INLET		7.00	0.00	0.00
554			Port Alexander School		PORT ALEXANDER		10.00	10.00	39.60
555			Port Protection School		PORT PROTECTION		19.00	19.00	39.60
556			Thorne Bay School		THORNE BAY		96.00	118.00	177.46
557			Whale Pass School		WHALE PASS		11.00	11.00	39.60
558			In District Correspondence					10.00	
559									
560	9	SOUTHWEST REGION		779.20				1,147.70	
561			*Portago Creek		PORTAGE CREEK		8.00	0.00	0.00
562			Aleknagik North School		ALEKNAGIK NORTH		39.65	39.65	70.18
563			Clarks Point School		CLARKS POINT		16.25	16.25	39.60
564			Koliganek School		KOLIGANEK		82.90	82.90	132.88
565			Manokotak School		MANOKOTAK		144.90	144.90	211.62
566			Chief Ivan Blunka		NEW STUYAHOK		162.70	162.70	231.82
567			Togiak School		TOGIK		277.20	285.20	360.24

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568			Twin Hills School		TWIN HILLS	13.60	13.60		39.60
569			William "Sonny" Nelson School		EKWOK	34.00	34.00		61.76
571	1	ST. MARY'S		133.00				185.08	
572			St. Mary's School		ST. MARY'S	133.00	124.00		185.08
573			Out of District Correspondence				9.00		
575	1	TANANA		113.00				168.57	
576			Tanana School		TANANA	113.00	111.00		168.57
577			In District Correspondence				2.00		
579	3	UNALASKA		390.00				533.40	
580			Unalaska Elementary		UNALASKA	390.00	164.00		233.22
581			*Alternative High School				0.00		0.00
582			Unalaska High School				226.00		300.18
584	3	VALDEZ		895.00				1,100.43	
585			George H. Gilson Jr. High		VALDEZ	895.00	143.00		209.21
586			Herman Hutchins Elementary				504.00		567.28
587			Valdez High School				248.00		323.94
589	3	WRANGELL		514.25				701.14	
590			Wrangell Elementary School		WRANGELL	514.25	222.00		295.86
591			Wrangell High School				154.00		222.42
592			Stikine Middle School				122.25		182.86
593			In District Correspondence				10.00		
594			Out of District Correspondence				6.00		
596	2	YAKUTAT		178.00				274.98	
597			Yakutat School K thru 12		YAKUTAT	166.00	166.00		235.38
598			Icy Bay		ICY BAY	12.00	12.00		39.60
600	11	YUKON FLATS		444.00				712.00	
601			Arctic Village School		ARCTIC VILLAGE	48.00	48.00		82.62
602			Beaver "Cruikshank" School		BEAVER	23.00	23.00		44.46
603			*Birch Creek School		BIRCH CREEK	9.00	0.00		0.00
604			Chalkyitsik School		CHALKYITSIK	20.00	20.00		39.60
605			Circle School		CENTRAL	28.00	28.00		52.56
606			Far North School		CIRCLE	20.00	20.00		39.60
607			Fort Yukon School		FORT YUKON	168.00	142.00		207.94
608			Northern Lights School		NORTHERN LIGHTS	28.00	28.00		52.56
609			Rampart School		RAMPART	12.00	12.00		39.60
610			Stevens Village School		STEVENS VILLAGE	28.00	28.00		52.56
611			Venetie School		VENETIE	60.00	60.00		100.50
612			In District Correspondence				35.00		
614	10	YUKON/KOYUKUK		554.00				923.58	
615			Allakaket School		ALLAKAKET	58.00	58.00		97.52
616			Andrew K. Demonski School		NULATO	126.00	133.00		196.51
617			*Bettles Field School		BETTLES	7.00	0.00		0.00
618			Johnny Oldman School		HUGHES	12.00	12.00		39.60
619			Jimmy Huntington School		HUSLIA	74.00	74.00		121.36
620			Kaltag School		KALTAG	73.00	73.00		119.87
621			Ella B. Vernetli		KOYUKUK	31.00	31.00		57.29
622			MHS Gladys Dart School		MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	18.00	18.00		39.60
623			Merriline A. Kangas School		RUBY	74.00	74.00		121.36
624			Minto		MINTO	81.00	81.00		130.47

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626	3	YUPIIT		412.00				601.48		
627			Akiachak School		AKIACHAK	174.00	174.00		244.02	
628			Akiak School		AKIAK	122.00	122.00		182.54	
629			Tuluksak School		TULUKSAK	116.00	116.00		174.92	
630										
631										
632	1	ACS		1,658.38						
633			Out of District Correspondence		ACS	1,658.38	1658.38			
634										
635	1	MT.EDGE CUMBE		306.00				380.42		
636			Mt Edgcumbe School		MT EDGE CUMBE	306.00	306.00		380.42	
638	478	TOTALS:		130,800.55		130,800.55	130,800.55	149,151.85	149,151.85	
639			*Combined with the largest school within their respective districts.							



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POSITION STATEMENT

CS FOR SB 36

"An Act relating to the public school funding program; relating to the definition of a school district, to the transportation of students, to employment of chief school administrators, to school district layoff plans, to the special education service agency, and to the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date."

The Alaska Council of School Administrators is opposed to CSSB 36.

There are three dominant reasons for opposing this legislation which we would like to call attention to:

1. Sec. 14.17.420. Special needs and intensive services funding. We believe using a factor of five to compute funding for intensive services is far below what is needed for addressing the high cost of servicing intensive special education students. In all the previous legislation, intensive needs students would be covered by \$22,500 per student. In this legislation, when you use the ADM of Anchorage or Juneau and multiply it by five, you see a much lower amount of funding available to districts.

We would recommend adjusting the factor of five up to meet the \$22,500 per student for intensive services.

2. Sec. AS 14.14.130(a): "If the district employs a chief school administrator...". We would caution the legislature to not amend this section of the current statutes. Over the past three years, there have been major legislation passed which places a greater burden on school districts for reporting and operations. As an example, HB 465 has created additional administrative responsibility for observation and evaluation of staff as well as increased communicating with local community members. We are responsible for testing 4th, 8th and 11th graders. We are to now begin to administer exit examinations for high school senior. By regulations, districts must align their curriculum with state standards and respond to Quality Schools

Initiatives. It is more apparent that there is a greater responsibility placed on the chief school administrator, not less.

A school district is like a university campus or a major corporation. Can the university system do without their president or campus chancellors? Can major Alaskan corporations do without their CEO's?

Under current law districts do have the flexibility to share a chief school administrator. Sec. 14.14.130(d) "This section does not prohibit two or more districts from sharing the services of a chief school administrator."

We believe the current language of the law reflects the intent of this proposed amendment in CSSB 36.

3. Sec. 14.17.410. Public School funding. It is our position that there should not be one school district benefiting from increased revenues that have been taken away from another school district.

There has been convincing testimony from all school districts that there is need for more money. Over the past ten years, as the state has continued to short fund the foundation formula, local communities have continued to increase their support for their schools. But even the local organized governments are reaching their limits of funding. We believe it is time for the State of Alaska to increase the level of funding for all school districts.

Respectfully submitted,



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

March 16, 1998

To: Members, House HESS Committee
Members, House Finance Committee

From: Rep. Gail Phillips *Gail*
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Please read the attached letter from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Superintendent of Schools, John Dahlgren.

John makes several good points that I'd like to bring to your attention:

1. The Kenai Peninsula has 12 village schools that are presently serving 1,059 students. This enrollment (just in these village schools of the district) is larger than 41 other districts in the State. Yet – as part of a district classified "urban," these 12 schools are not given the same status as other village schools throughout the State.
2. The homes and personal properties in these rural settings of the Borough are all charged the Borough's personal property tax, which helps offset the cost of education for the District.

Please feel free to use Supt. John Dahlgren for any questions you may have as we proceed with solving the disparity in the instructional unit formula.

GP:ps

encls.

cc: Superintendent John Dahlgren



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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

March 12, 1998

Representative Gail Phillips
 Room 208, State Capitol
 Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Post-It® Fax Note	7671	Date	3/13/98	# of pages	2
To	Speaker Phillips		From	John Walker	
Co./Dept.			Co.		
Phone #			Phone #		
Fax #	465-3472		Fax #		

A hard copy is in the US mail

Dear Representative Phillips:

There has been much discussion during the debate of SB36 and I have followed it very closely through its passage in the senate. Many legislators are trying to turn this into a rural versus urban issue. I can assure you, having been born and raised in The Bronx, New York, that it will take a lot of convincing for me to feel that Soldotna, Kenai, Homer, and Seward are urban areas. Setting that aside, I would like to give you some information that might help you combat those discussions.

I have totaled the enrollment of our village schools and we are presently serving 1,059 students. As I look at the school districts in Alaska, that enrollment is larger than 41 other districts in the state.

School	Enrollment
Bartlett Elem/High(Tyonek)	42
Chapin Elementary (Anchor Point)	26
Cooper Landing Elementary	37
Hope Elementary	28
Kachemak Selo Elementary	69
Moose Pass Elementary	34
Nanwalek Elem/High	59
Nikolaevsk Elementary	37
Ninilchik Elem/High	230
Port Graham Elementary	31
Razdolna Elementary	38
Selkova English Elem/High	25
Totals	1059

I hardly think that any of these villages would be considered urban.

Letter/Legislature-School Funding

March 12, 1998

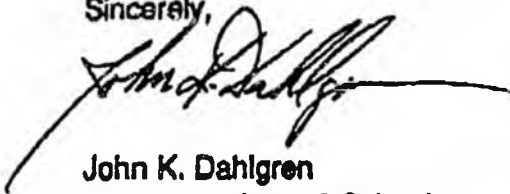
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Last week I attended the Elder's Day celebration in Port Graham. That Native community celebrates the things that they are doing for both the young and the old. Needless to say, it is a very successful village at both the school and community level.

I am appalled to think that we would deal with our village schools or fund them any differently than some of the other village schools in Alaska. Our schools across the water have higher operational costs, which we recognize by funding differently than our schools on the road system. We recognize that it costs more to do business in these communities and it is time that the state and the rest of Alaska recognizes it too! The homes and properties in these extremely rural settings are charged borough personal property taxes helping to offset the cost of education. Hiking down the switch back trail to Kachemak Selo rivals any bush situation in Interior Alaska.

Please continue working for the good of our students on the Kenai Peninsula and I wish you success in that endeavor. My staff and I are available to answer any financial or instructional questions that you might have.

Sincerely,



John K. Dahlgren
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Senator John Torgerson
Senator Jerry Ward

United Utilities, Inc.

Affiliate of Unicom



Steve Hamlen
President

March 13, 1998

The Honorable Gail Phillips
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Ms. Speaker:

United Utilities, Inc. provides telecommunications services in 58 rural Alaskan communities. We are concerned with the unprecedented budget cuts to rural schools contained in SB 36. All of our citizens are deserving of legislative decisions that are carefully thought out and are based upon an impartial analysis of all the facts.

SB 36 would transfer approximately \$31 million from rural school districts to Anchorage. The Lower Kuskokwim School District, for example, has informed us that they would lose approximately \$8.4 million, 150 classified staff, and 60 teachers. These funding cuts are substantial and I am concerned for the ongoing ability of our native Alaskan children to receive a suitable education. I'm also concerned that this debate has turned into a contest of us versus them (urban versus rural). I've been told that a new funding formula is being proposed that includes factors, such as the ability to raise educational funds via property taxes, that are unrealistic and designed to favor one constituency over another.

Please carefully consider the merits of SB 36. Something is wrong here and it will be our native children who will be disadvantaged if it is not fixed. I wish that all of our legislators could visit our rural schools including our school in Hooper Bay and then compare these schools with any school in Anchorage. I have little doubt that anyone could walk away from these visits and suggest that the funding for our rural schools should be reduced.

Sincerely yours,

An Alaskan Native Owned Corporation

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March 13, 1998

SENT VIA FAX: (907)465-3871

House HESS Committee
Capital Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representatives,

I'm writing on behalf of the City Council and Community of Unalaska. We strongly oppose SB 36 in its current format. This bill will not only have a negative impact on our community but on many other rural communities throughout Alaska. With SB 36 in its present format, Unalaska would lose close to \$500,000 in state funding, \$200,000 in proposed state aid, \$200,000 in single site funding, and additional costs by cuts the Aleutian Region School District would face that we share administrative costs with. The City of Unalaska would have to make up the cuts from our budget.

The City of Unalaska supported our local school district at the maximum allowable local contribution for many years. This year, the contribution is \$1.7 million dollars, plus additional contributions for food service and preschool. In addition, we also have a capital projects budget which includes well over a million dollars this year for the purchase of four portable classrooms and technology upgrades.

Our community places a very high priority on education and we fund it at a very high level each year. This year, local contribution for school funding may reach 17% of our general fund revenues. Why should this community, that pays its own way, have to face cuts because its assessed value to student count ratio is high? This community has a 3% sales tax, a 11.78 mill rate, a 2% local landing tax on all fish delivered to our local processing plants. We also generate a tremendous amount of revenue for the State of Alaska. During the past ten years, this community, through the State Fisheries Business Tax, the State Offshore

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Landing Tax, and the State Marine Fuel Tax, has generated revenues in excess of \$86 million dollars for the State of Alaska.

This legislation, in its present form, would penalize a hard working community that consistently contributes locally at a high level, and generates revenues for the State of Alaska.

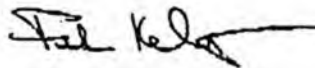
In conclusion, I would strongly urge the committee to take another look at this legislation. The proposed legislation will be disastrous to so many rural school districts in our state. I believe it is time to increase state funding for education, and this bill doesn't do that. This bill takes dollars away from some of the most economically depressed areas of the state. Does that make sense? It doesn't to me.

I just received my quarterly report on the permanent fund in the mail yesterday. The report showed a fund value of \$23.04 billion dollars. Last year, the legislature rolled over almost \$2 billion dollars back into the fund. But yet our state can't afford to increase funding for education to even to cover the annual cost of inflation.

I believe it is time to start thinking about the future of the children in the entire State of Alaska and the education they deserve to receive. Our children are Alaska's greatest resource. I strongly urge you to rework this bill, and add more funding for education by using some of the earnings of the Permanent Fund.

I can't think of a better use of Permanent Fund revenue than to provide a first class education to the children of the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Frank Kelty
Mayor

cc: Governor Knowles
Senator Hoffman
Representative Moses

Alaska State Legislature



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

March 17, 1998

Lyons

Ms. Beverly Williams and Students
Lower Kuskokwim School District
Curriculum Bilingual Department
PO Box 305
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Ms. Williams and Students:

Thank to each of you for your letters pointing out the possible negative effects on bilingual education efforts of the current version of SB 36. As you may know, CS SB 36 (FIN) am passed the Senate a few days ago and is now in the House where it has been assigned to the House HESS and Finance Committees. The first House hearing is scheduled for March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Although that hearing will be teleconferenced, it will be for listening only. However, a teleconference to hear public testimony will be scheduled in the not too distant future, and I hope someone at your school will take an opportunity to testify. You can keep abreast of the scheduled hearings for SB 36 by checking with the LIO in Bethel (543-3541). In the meantime, I will forward a copy of your letters to the House HESS Committee with a request that they include it in the committee members' SB 36 bill files.

Again, I appreciate hearing from you and hope you will share this letter with your many Kasigluk students who took the time to write about SB 36.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gail Phillips in cursive.

Gail Phillips
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

GP:jmj

Cc w enc: Rep. Con Bunde, Chair, House HESS Committee



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Gail Phillips
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

March 12, 1998

Dear Representative Phillips:

I am writing in regard to SB 36 and the devastating repercussions it will have on the students in the L.KSD. As you may know, the majority of L.KSD students are first language speakers of Yup'ik when they start school, and we work hard at following the federal Civil Rights and State guidelines necessary to provide the kind of education needed for them to work toward English language proficiency and academic achievement. The programs we currently have in place are research based, and comply with the state and federal guidelines. If the L.KSD experiences the level of defunding as promised by this bill, we will no longer be in a position to provide programs that are in compliance with either state or federal guidelines. The chances that the L.KSD AND the State of Alaska will be out of compliance with the federal Civil Rights Law regarding limited English proficient children, will be a reality. The destructive nature of SB 36, which essentially takes money from language minority children and redistributes it to language majority children will in essence contribute to "exclusion from participation" by Alaska Native students in the Alaska education system.

The discriminatory nature of SB 36 certainly does not reflect the nature and ethics of the people of Alaska in regard to its indigenous population. Please consider the moral issues at stake, as well as the Civil Rights issues.

Sincerely,

Beverly Williams

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March 20, 1998

Senator Randy Phillips
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-4979

Dear Senator Phillips:

I am concerned that there may be a misunderstanding about the recent budget recommendations made by the Anchorage School Budget Advisory Commission.

The Anchorage School District requested a \$9.7 million increase in city property taxes. Our recommendation was that the Anchorage Assembly reduce the request by \$2 million. This recommendation was based on our concerns that the burden on the Anchorage taxpayer is rising much too rapidly. It was not necessarily based on the presumption that there is too much money in the Anchorage School District Budget.

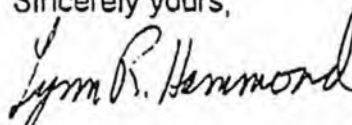
Anchorage school taxes have now risen about 10% per year for four years; if the current tax request is approved that will add yet another 10% increase. With compounding, our taxes will have risen 60% in five years. This rate of increase is unsustainable and unaffordable.

We stand by our assessment that the district is in the best financial shape in years. It is important to remember, however, *that this condition was achieved through painful program cuts and a massive shift of the costs of education from the state to the local taxpayer.*

I believe that use our Commission's report as an excuse for not reforming the foundation formula represents a distortion of our message. I hope this letter clarifies our position.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely yours,



Lynn R. Hammond
Vice Chairman
Anchorage School Budget Advisory Commission

cc: Mayor Mystrom
Anchorage Assembly
School Budget Advisory Commission Members
Superintendent Christal
School Board President Ossiander

To whom it may concern,

3-11-78

my name is Cherie Isaac. I'm a Sophomore at
Akula Ektroavuk. I am writing because I wanted to
say that Senate Bill 36 is a wrong and it SHOULD
NOT become a law. If the cities need more money, why
are they taking it away from us? why aren't they
looking for their money somewhere else? Most of my
friends say that they will drop out of school if the
bill passes because they will miss how school was before.
If you people care about our education why are
you people taking our money or making us to move
somewhere else? Most of us want to stay here and
be educated, or ~~a~~ wanting to be educated will just
be a dream. Bilingual is REALLY important to me, and
I don't want to lose it. How would I talk to my
grandparents if they didn't understand English? How
would you feel?

Imagine you were a student from LKSD and didn't
want to be moved to another place. How would you feel?
You wouldn't want it to happen to you, too, so why
doing it to us? Why ^{consider} taking money from schools?

Cherie Isaac

Cherie Isaac

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Written Testimony for the Record:

TCN: 80363

Committee: Pub. Finance

Date: 2/27/98

Bill Number(s): SB 36

Subject(s): Public School Funding

Fap #
465-2070

Please enter my testimony into the record.

If you understand anything about rural education, then you could not possibly support this bill. I won't state the obvious (higher operations costs, etc) but I will explain what will happen to students if the funding is cut.

1) Loss of Bilingual funds: When English second language students enter school, it is a lot easier for them to learn in their first language, then transfer the information to English. If we submerge them in English they become lost, isolated, confused, bored and withdrawn. That is a terrible way to spend thirteen years in school.

2) People with a positive self-esteem do better in school and life. By teaching their language we give it value and that gives the student value and a positive self-worth.

Testifier's name (s):

Tari Lindquist

Box 73 Kasigluk AK
Address

Representing (opt.)

Rural Student's

477-6326

Phone

Michael Demient'eff
P.O. Box 76

Dear Legislators

Why are you going to take eleven million dollars? It is going to be bad to take money. We will have nothing to get for the school. We can't dance, travel, or go cross country for some of us to run and get some thing to make us happy.

sincerely,
Mikey Demient'eff

TO Whom it may concern

3-9-98

My name is Maria K. Nicholas. A Freshman, having school in AKUIA ELITNAUR VIA LKSD. Trying to reach my goals, my dreams and get high education with my Family, my community and our own school. I want to have Yupik life skills, Yupik language, and the LKSD. We love our community our school and our friends in other schools. We don't want it destroyed. We are the ones who ~~are~~ ^{want to} have education in our own community and school. We don't want to be put down. We don't want to leave our family, our community and school to a bigger school because there, it'll be education and depression at the same time.

IF it does happen (school in Anchorage) Most students including me were thinking of dropping out. Because, it will never be the same. Even when our school gets poor David you guys see, we have dreams and goals to reach. We don't want them destroyed. We want education in our own place, with our family and trust ~~of~~ all our schools in LKSD. We want to be ~~like~~ like the ones that ~~had~~ money. We will be, because we don't graduate. Welfare will be next. We want ^{to} have jobs. Those who were like "I don't want to go" really might not go and have no jobs and depend on welfare. We want our school, our community and

our education in our own schools.

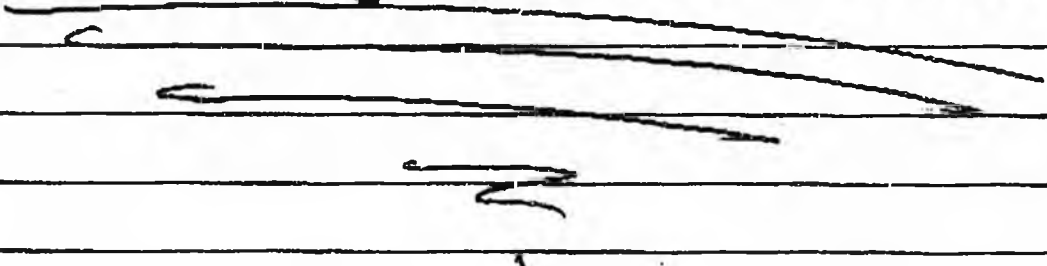
~~Very~~ Sincerely,

Trevin K. Nicholas

P.O. Box 002

Kasigluk, AK - 99104-

P.S. I am against Senate Bill 36



Golga Brink

Box 13

Kasigluk AK

99609

March 11, 1998

Dear Legislator:

I am a seventh grader
at Akula Elithaurvik. Please
don't take money away from our
schools. We need to have a school
in our village.
Thank you.

Golga Brink

MARIE HOOVER

KASIGLUK- AKULA SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER

MARCH 13, 1998

To the 1998 Legislative Body,

This letter is in regards to the SB 36. Since I heard about this bill I feel like we, the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, are waiting for an atom bomb to hit and wipe us off the face of earth.

I implore everyone who is involved in this bill to think a millionfold about the children. A massive number of children will be affected immensely. We love our children as much as you love your children and, we want them to get the best education they can get.

Please, don't hurt the education of our "rural children" anymore. They are already hurting with the huge amount of budget cuts. Let us know you all care about the education of all the children in the whole world, and not just the ones who live in urban cities. And what happened to the word "equality"? Or, did you decide to drop that word from your language.



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Date: 2/27/98

Bill Number(s): SB 36

Subject(s): Public School Funding

Fap #
465-2070

Please enter my testimony into the record.

This bill will cause schools to close in rural areas. We saw what happened to natives when they were sent away. They lost their language and felt inferior when they returned to their village. They lost parenting skills because they were not at home to observe. They lost subsistence skills because they were not at home to practice. They no longer fit into village life, but the city offered no family or friends. This loss of self caused many of the drug problems we have today. Let's not go backwards!

Tari Lindqvist
Testifier's name (s):

Rural Students
Representing (opt.)

Box 73 Kasigluk AK
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Phone

To whom it may concern.

Hello! my name is Tatiana Nicholas
of Kasigluk well we students don't
wanna move to another village if we
also ^{we (some students)} ~~to~~ ~~wanna~~ going to drop out of school
because there will be too many people
in that school and we won't be
able to learn anything.

Why can't you people get the money
from somewhere? I am ^{not} telling you people
meanly. Well, we students don't want to
drop out or move to another village
because we like our school and our
hometown.

Bilingual is really important to
us people because if we lose it
we won't be able to talk in Yupik
really ^{well} ~~good~~.

What if you were having school
and it went like this? you would feel
bad and you wouldn't want to move so
why is this happening?

Tatiana Nicholas

Tatiana Nicholas

Pb Box 600

Kasigluk Ak 9916004

3-11-98

To whom it may concern,

Hi I'm Geraldine Tinker 15 years old and in freshmen. I go to school at Kasigluk at Akula Elitnaurvik. I just like to have school here. If the Senate Bill 36 passes & I don't get to play basketball I will drop out, & so will the other people. Lots of people like going to school here at Akula Elitnaurvik. No one would like to move from their villages.

If those people from other schools want the money why take it from us? Let them get their own money from somewhere else. I am just sad here. I just want this school to stay.

If we lose our bilingual education in school for Yup'ik studies, how would we be able to talk to our grandparents. We speak to them in Yup'ik. I would like to learn more in school. I don't want to have school anywhere else. I am against Senate Bill 36.

is once again

Sincerely

I AM AGAINST

Geraldine Tinker

Geraldine Tinker

SENATE BILL 36

P.O. Box 98

Kasigluk, AK

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Charity Jackson
PO Box 58
Kasigluk, AK
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3/11/98

Dear Legislator:

I'm a student at Akula
Elitnaurvik. And I heard that all the
big schools are going to take
half of the money we have in the
school. When you take the money, we'll
have no more of speaking our language
in Yupik, school travel and all those you do
to. Please don't take the money.

Charity Jackson

3-11-98

Dear Legislator:

Why do you want our money? We want to have the money too, because we want to travel. Last year I got first place in X-country at Goodnews Bay, Kwethluk, Bethel and Dillingham and I want to have more ribbons at our house. We can travel anywhere. Please don't take our money ok? I want to travel more and I want to see my friends. Please don't take our money? I want to have fun playing basketball, cross-country and N.Y.O. I'm going to Canada Yellowknife. I'm going on Friday March 13, to 22 1998.

Nicholai Nicholas

NORMAN NECK
P.O. Box 118
KASIGLIK A.K. 99609

Dear Legislators...

March 11, 1998

Why are you taking 11 million dollars from our school?
I want school. I love sports, Eskimo dances, and I
don't want to lose it all and I don't want to lose my school.
education I'm a student of Akula Eliamavik. I'm in 7th grade.

Norman Neck

Paul Tinker
Po Box 62 Kasikuk AK
99604
3/11/98

Dear Legislater:

Why are you taking 11 million from our district?
Why does Anchorage or the other school need
them? We need the money more because
we don't want to move to another school also,
we want to travel for sports, Eskimo Dancing and
one thing we don't want is our school to close
down.

Sincerely,
Paul Tinker

Krystine Tinker

P.O. Box 81

Kasigluk, AK 99609

March 11, 1998

Dear Legislator:

My name is Krystine Tinker. I am 13 years old and in 7th grade. I go to school at Akula Elnaavik that is in Kasigluk. Please don't take away \$11,000,000 from the LKSD. We need the money also. If you take the money away from us we would have to quit doing sports and we'd have to quit traveling. So please don't take away that much money away from the LKSD.

Sincerely,

Krystine Tinker

Julian Tinker

Box 93

3-11-98

Dear Legislator:

My name is Julian Tinker. I go school in Akula Eitnaurvik in Hasigluk. Why are you people going to take money from the LRSD and give it to the big cities? We need the MONEY, not them. Because we need to dance, have sports, do school at home, and yupik.

Sincerely,

Julian

Tinker

Yeako W.

Box 11

3-11-98

Dear Legislators:

My name is Yeako Wasiile. I go to school at Akula Eitmarvik at Kasigluk. Can I ask you a question? Why are you taking 11 million dollars from our school and other places, and giving it to the cities?

Sincerely,
Yeako



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Date: 2/22/98

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Subject(s): Public School Funding

Fap #
465-2070

Please enter my testimony into the record.

It is too obvious that to take funding away from rural schools will kill the quality of education that too many have worked for and will leave future generations of Alaskan rural students and educational and a spiritual deficit far greater than the financial shortage you feel you now face. At a time when cultural support should be at its peak. At a time when the birth of understanding how native Alaskan children learn best in a bilingual Waldorf At a time when culturally relevant materials

Testifier's name (s): Rohan Jamy

Representing (opt.): Laura Kuskoosm School District

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are beginning to grow. At this time you want to take it away — Why?



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Written Testimony for the Record:

TCN: 80.363

COMMITTEE: Public Schools

Date: 2/27/98

Bill Number(s): SB 36

Subject(s): Public School Funding

Fair #
465-2070

Please enter my testimony into the record.

Taking away funding from Alaska rural schools
is an incredibly shortsighted thing to do.
At a time when more funding should be allocated
Good Education requires an investment.

Robin Winkley

Testifier's name (s):

Lower Kuskokwim Schools
Representing (opt.)

General Delivery

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Fairbanks AK 99708

Phone

907-477-6615

March 11, 1998

Dear Randy Phillips,

My name is Serena Demientieff from Kasigluk, I am a junior here at Akula Elitnaurvik. I have been attending school here since my sixth grade year. Over the years I have learned a lot and have had many great experiences with my teachers and classmates. I do not understand why you want to take away this school from me and all the other students who attend Akula Elitnaurvik. If you are saying that only 85% of Alaskans are important and the 15%, which includes me, are not, you are a very rude man. You want to take me away from my family to pursue my education at a place I am not familiar with. I ask you to PLEASE not take away something that is very valuable to me and my community... our school.

Senate Bill 312 is not fair for those who live in the rural area. We are just as important as you and those who live in urban areas, so please think about those who will be affected by Senate Bill 312.

FAXEDSincerely,
Serena F. Demientieff

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March 20, 1998

Representative Con Bunde, Chair
House HESS Committee
Alaska State Legislature, M/S 3100
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chairman Bunde:

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is the regional economic development organization for Southwest Alaska, and represents over 150 members, including boroughs, communities, non-profits, and businesses in the region.

We are writing to express our opposition to SB36 in its present form. This bill will not only have a negative impact on our communities in Southwest Alaska, but on many other rural communities throughout Alaska. Our communities place a very high priority on education, and local government makes a significant contribution to public education funding. Many of our communities already assess a sales tax, a property tax, and those that are fisheries-based assess a local landing tax on fish delivered to local processing plants.

The communities of Southwest Alaska generate a tremendous amount of revenue for the State of Alaska. The legislation, in its present form, would penalize many hard-working communities that consistently contribute locally to education at a high level, and generate revenue for the State of Alaska.

We strongly urge the Committee to take another look at this legislation. The proposed legislation will be disastrous to many rural school districts in our state. We believe it is time to increase state funding for education, and this bill doesn't do that. This bill takes dollars away from some of the most economically depressed areas of the state.

We believe it is time to demonstrate our commitment to the future of the children of the entire state of Alaska and the education they deserve to receive. Our children are Alaska's greatest resource. We strongly urge you to rework this bill and add more funding for education.

Kodiak Island ♦ Alaska Peninsula ♦ Bristol Bay ♦ Aleutian Chain ♦ Pribilof Islands

SB 36

March 20, 1998

Legislators,

I am a Mother of 4, Community Member, School Board Member, Techniques in Alcohol Management Instructor (Tam), and also a General Manager year round of a Restaurant & Lodge in the Denali Borough. I am writing this because I have great concerns for all of our children's future.

Our Borough gave the School District money in 1993-1994, before they were required to (\$230,000.00). Which in the long run, as you all should know, takes away that much in state money. We are close to meeting the cap that the Borough can give us. This does not mean that the cap should be lifted altogether. What it does mean is that our Borough is helping us meet the inflation rate that the state has refused to meet in the last ten years. As a School District, Community, and Borough we are taking on the state's responsibility, as have other School Districts, Communities, and Boroughs across the State for some time now. The way I understand it the Municipalities and School Districts across the state got together and made recommendations to you. Why isn't any one listening?

I feel it is time for all legislators and constituents to get together across the state and start standing united for education for the children. It is your responsibility to find out exactly what has been cut in all these Schools. In our Borough we have cut 4 positions just in the last two years, including 1 in the District office.

In February I felt we would see additional funding from the state for education, I no longer feel that way. I feel that you are wasting precious time and tax payer dollars on CSSB 36, when it looks like the Governor will veto it. Alternatives could be as simple as giving \$1000.00 more per unit and each year following a percentage increase for inflation. You could look at any future increase in the PFD amount and designate that for the education of our children. In all honesty who could really fight that position? It's free money that Alaskans get, and any increases should go to our children's education. I do not see anyone considering a cap on the PFD Check.

Please listen to everyone across the state and not just your own constituents, don't worry about your votes from your own area. Pay attention to all the state's children and you can not go wrong, I believe then you will get the votes you need. Please stand together, ultimately you are representing all of us across the state.

Thank you again for all the hours you give to us, and the time you put into reading this letter.

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State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chairman Bunde:

The Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) is the regional economic development organization for Southwest Alaska, and represents over 150 members, including boroughs, communities, non-profits, and businesses in the region.

We are writing to express our opposition to SB36 in its present form. This bill will not only have a negative impact on our communities in Southwest Alaska, but on many other rural communities throughout Alaska. Our communities place a very high priority on education, and local government makes a significant contribution to public education funding. Many of our communities already assess a sales tax, a property tax, and those that are fisheries-based assess a local landing tax on fish delivered to local processing plants.

The communities of Southwest Alaska generate a tremendous amount of revenue for the State of Alaska. The legislation, in its present form, would penalize many hard-working communities that consistently contribute locally to education at a high level, and generate revenue for the State of Alaska.

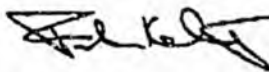
We strongly urge the Committee to take another look at this legislation. The proposed legislation will be disastrous to many rural school districts in our state. We believe it is time to increase state funding for education, and this bill doesn't do that. This bill takes dollars away from some of the most economically depressed areas of the state.

We believe it is time to demonstrate our commitment to the future of the children of the entire state of Alaska and the education they deserve to receive. Our children are Alaska's greatest resource. We strongly urge you to rework this bill and add more funding for education.

Kodiak Island ♦ Alaska Peninsula ♦ Bristol Bay ♦ Aleutian Chain ♦ Pribilof Islands

Attached are SWAMC's 1998 Legislative priorities, including our priority for a 3% increase for inflation to the FY98 level of funding for public education K-12.

Sincerely,



Frank Kelly
President



Mary S. Stadum
Executive Director

cc: Governor Knowles
Senator Hoffman
Senator Mackie
Representative Moses
Representative Ivan Ivan
Representative Alan Austerman

SB 36

March 20, 1998

Legislators,

I am a Mother of 4, Community Member, School Board Member, Techniques in Alcohol Management Instructor (Tam), and also a General Manager year round of a Restaurant & Lodge in the Denali Borough. I am writing this because I have great concerns for all of our children's future.

Our Borough gave the School District money in 1993-1994, before they were required to (\$230,000.00). Which in the long run, as you all should know, takes away that much in state money. We are close to meeting the cap that the Borough can give us. This does not mean that the cap should be lifted altogether. What it does mean is that our Borough is helping us meet the inflation rate that the state has refused to meet in the last ten years. As a School District, Community, and Borough we are taking on the state's responsibility, as have other School Districts, Communities, and Boroughs across the State for some time now. The way I understand it the Municipalities and School Districts across the state got together and made recommendations to you. Why isn't any one listening?

I feel it is time for all legislators and constituents to get together across the state and start standing united for education for the children. It is your responsibility to find out exactly what has been cut in all these Schools. In our Borough we have cut 4 positions just in the last two years, including 1 in the District office.

In February I felt we would see additional funding from the state for education, I no longer feel that way. I feel that you are wasting precious time and tax payer dollars on CSSB 36, when it looks like the Governor will veto it. Alternatives could be as simple as giving \$1000.00 more per unit and each year following a percentage increase for inflation. You could look at any future increase in the PFD amount and designate that for the education of our children. In all honesty who could really fight that position? It's free money that Alaskans get, and any increases should go to our children's education. I do not see anyone considering a cap on the PFD Check.

Please listen to everyone across the state and not just your own constituents, don't worry about your votes from your own area. Pay attention to all the state's children and you can not go wrong, I believe then you will get the votes you need. Please stand together, ultimately you are representing all of us across the state.

Thank you again for all the hours you give to us, and the time you put into reading this letter.

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KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 1395

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA, ENDORSING THE HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP POSITION ON SPECIFIC ISSUES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

A. As the elected representatives of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough the Assembly is aware of the complexities and tribulations involved with satisfying the needs of all constituents while working to promote the general welfare.

B. The House and Senate Leadership of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature has dedicated itself to "Continue the Commitment that's working for Alaska" as detailed below:

- (1) Keeping Alaska's Children Safe and Healthy - protect Alaska's children by addressing Alaska's child safety issues including management problems in the Division of Family and Youth Services;
- (2) Excellence in Education for Alaska's Children - encourage greater parental control, choice, and involvement and give Alaska's children an equal opportunity to learn and succeed;
- (3) Live within our means - close the fiscal gap by 2001 by implementing the third year of the five-year fiscal plan to stop deficit spending, base government spending on results and prioritize necessary government functions and reward what works, require efficient and cost effective government programs by reviewing areas in state government that can be better operated by the private sector, create and implement a plan to fix and preserve Alaska's schools, university, airports, harbors, roads, and buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA as follows:

Section I. The Assembly hereby endorses the House and Senate Leadership positions, in concept, with regard to:

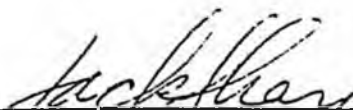
- 1) Education reform through placement of a priority on reforming the Foundation Formula along the general concepts promoted through Senate Bill 36.
- 2) Implementation of the 5-year Financial Plan to close the fiscal gap by 2001, reducing the size of State government through responsible reductions, and increasing revenues through continued economic and resource development.

- 3) Finding long-term maintenance solutions by identifying the entire scope of Alaska's on-going maintenance needs and the methods of payment to be considered; and establishing criteria and priorities for the long-term maintenance of all state-owned facilities, transportation systems, schools and the University. Support implementation of the Deferred Maintenance Task Force Report.
- 4) Placing a priority on transportation access by promoting a long-term viable operation of the Alaska Marine Highway and working with local governments to find efficiencies in operation of the system.
- 5) Promote safe neighborhoods by emphasizing juvenile justice reforms, increasing parental rights and responsibilities, and protecting domestic and child abuse victims. This would include support for the Ketchikan Youth Detention facility and addressing the State's current lack of adequate prisons and jail.

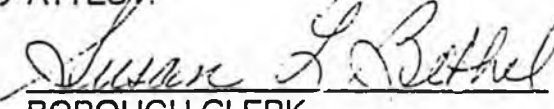
Section 2. The Borough Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to Speaker of the House Gail Phillips, Senate President Mike Miller, House Majority Leader Brian Porter, House Majority Whip Richard Foster, Senate Majority Leader Robin Taylor, House Majority Whip Randy Phillips, Representative Williams, and Borough Lobbyist Geoffrey Bullock.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

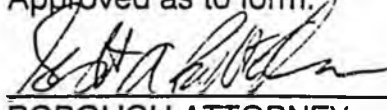
ADOPTED this 16th day of March 1998.



 BOROUGH MAYOR

ATTEST:


 BOROUGH CLERK

Approved as to form:


 BOROUGH ATTORNEY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/16/98			
ROLL CALL	YES	NO	ABSENT
COOSE	✓		
COYNE	✓		
ELKINS	✓		
MARTIN	✓		
TIPTON	✓		
VAN HORN	✓		
YETKA	✓		
MAYOR (Tie Vote Only)			N/A
4 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE			

March 18, 1998

To our esteemed servants of the State:

My name is Paul Frost, I live in Togiak, Alaska and have three boys who attend the high school here. I own a house in the Hanson Acres Subdivision and Harris Acres Subdivision behind Geneva Woods both in Anchorage, thus I pay taxes for the schools. I was born and raised in Anchorage in 1954 and graduated at Dimond High and still believe that I am a constituent of Anchorage legislators.

For the last six years my family and I have lived here in Togiak. I am the Pastor of the Togiak Baptist Mission and my wife is the Music Minister. We have been blessed to work with the Youth of this community, grades 7-12, three times a week, averaging about 30-40 depending on school activities.

The adults of most villages realize that our culture and way of life is dying. History dictates that when two cultures collide there will be casualties. It seems that much fighting is going on over issues of sovereignty and subsistence etc.... Because I was born, raised and educated in Anchorage, but now live in Togiak, I can clearly see and understand the differing view points. We understand the difficult work that our rural legislators have before them and give them our support.

I must admit that I question the effectiveness this letter will have when television clearly tells us that money speaks louder than words. But I pray that these words will find their mark in the hearts and wills of you who are reading them.

I ask that you reconsider your position on taking millions of dollars away from rural schools and giving the money to urban schools. When I heard the newscaster on channel 2 news informing us of our plight in her next breath she stated that millions would be spent on building new prisons. The Anchorage Daily News wrote many articles a few years ago about how native peoples of Alaska routinely get longer jail sentences, make up only about 1% of the population within the State but comprise 48% of Alaska's inmates.

We have no jobs in bush Alaska. Welfare, social and State programs have been and are being cut. Our school in Togiak was built back in 1952 and since then has had a few add-ons and cubicals brought in from Adak. Our school is falling apart, leaking and beginning to be a safety hazard. Build us a new school and send your children as boarding students here. When they grow up away from their parents, in our culture, they will grow up a little less biased a little more vision, alot more caring.

Please do not let our children be the casualties in your paper war. Please do your best to think long term. Education and a good home life, with your parents is the major key to becoming productive citizens in the 21st Century. Please think of a better way than creating more divisions. You become the catalyst in the process of healing by your planning long term for ALL peoples and Your Vote.

Very Truly Yours,

Paul Frost
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