



## **Alaska Association of School Business Officials (ALASBO)**

### **Legislative Fly-In**

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#### **Who are we?**

- ALASBO promotes high standards in school business practices
- ALASBO provides training and networking to help our members perform the essential functions of their jobs
- This year, ALASBO provided a 3-day training for new school business officials, to help maintain uniformity of data statewide, in spite of turnover

#### **Funding**

- We are thankful to the legislature for investments in education in recent years
  - Energy assistance for last fiscal year
  - Implementation of Task Force recommendations for Base Student Allocation, Cost Factors and Intensive Needs
  - Legislating employer contribution rates to PERS and TRS
- High energy costs, increases in health care, and other costs continue to result in funding pressures in school districts; many project FY10 staff and program cuts
- In order to promote workforce development, we would like to see the current 20% block grant in the funding formula (for special education, bilingual and vocational education) increased to 25%
- The need for capital improvement funding across the state remains large and is growing annually
- We believe that the 70/30 rule is not effective and should be eliminated

#### **District Cost Factors Commission**

- ALASBO stands ready to provide data to assist with the work of this commission

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