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1st Session

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Recapping the 25th Alaska Legislature, 1st Session, the following are brief descriptions of passed legislation that relates to K-12 education.

HB 95 OPERATING BUDGET

- ✓ \$24,007,294 as ¼ ISER 1-time grant.
- ✓ \$10,543,219 as School Improvement Grant [SIG]
- ✓ Fully funding Foundation w/ BSA at \$5380
- ✓ \$53.5million to Pupil Transportation
- ✓ \$4.5million to statewide mentoring program
- ✓ \$2.5 School Performance Incentive Program
- ✓ \$100,000 in 1-time grants to Charter Schools under 150 ADM.

SB 53 CAPITAL BUDGET

- ✓ \$24,007,294 for a 1-time grant adjustment to cover the ¼ ISER paid in FY07 and matched in funds by another \$24,007,294 in the Operating Budget also to be paid in the exact amount received FY07 for FY08.

TOTAL \$48,014,588

- ✓ \$10,543,219 for 1-time grant adjustment to cover the School Improvement Grant [SIG] which is also matched in the Operating Budget at \$10,543,219 based on the exact FY07 amounts to be paid again in FY08.

TOTAL \$21,086,438

- ✓ \$185 million appropriated to for the PERS/TRS cost sharing plan.
- ✓ \$89,076,100 fully funding Debt Bond reimbursement for FY07
- ✓ \$159,223 for negative Quality Schools in FY04 and FY05
- ✓ \$48.7 million for city, borough, & unincorporated communities in energy assistance further clarified in SB72.
- ✓ \$620,000 to be distributed at \$20K 1 time grants to 31 unincorporated areas to defray energy & other costs
- ✓ TRS funded at \$269.9 million which in turn frees up \$77,536,657 to districts and reduces rates from 26% to 12.56%.

The following are projects approved for funding in the Capital Budget. Note: Governor Palin has publicly stated that some projects may be line-item vetoed.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>District</u>	<u># of Projects</u>
\$ 35,000	Alaska Gateway	2
\$ 1,708,100	Anchorage	30
\$ 20,000	Annette Island	2
\$ 130,000	Chatham	6
\$ 13,700	Copper River	2
\$ 15,000	Fairbanks	1
\$ 20,000	Iditarod	1
\$ 50,000	Kenai	2
\$ 40,000	Kuspuk	1
\$ 70,000	Lower Kuskokwim	2
\$ 172,261	Pribilof	1
\$ 65,000	SE Island	4
\$ 70,000	Yukon Flats	2
\$ 150,000	Yupit	1

Grants to Municipalities:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>District</u>	<u># of Projects</u>
\$ 8,498,800	Anchorage	61
\$ 223,500	Chugiak	5
\$ 141,295	Bristol Bay	Pupil Trans
\$ 337,831	Cordova	2
\$ 20,000	Craig	2

\$ 598,814	Fairbanks	12
\$ 387,152	Galena	1
\$ 20,000	Haines	2
\$ 20,000	Hoonah	2
\$ 360,000	Hydaburg	1
\$ 72,000	Juneau	1
\$ 20,000	Kake	1
\$ 567,500	Kenai	5
\$ 24,000	Ketchikan	1
\$ 365,000	Kodiak	4
\$ 60,000	Lake & Peninsula	1
\$ 773,000	Mat-Su	24
\$ 250,000	Nome	1
\$ 812,500	Sitka	2
\$ 5,000	Skagway	1
\$ 10,000	Tanana	1
\$ 52,000	Wrangell	1
\$ 20,000	Yakutat	2

SB 61 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

- \$1 Billion appropriated to the Public Education Fund for early funding purposes in FY'09.
- \$740,271 for emergency roof replacement due to wind damage at Chenega Bay School in Chugach

Governor signed this bill on May 11th.

SB 125 PERS/TRS COST SHARING

Lowers the employer's annual contribution rate to 12.56% for TRS and 22% for PERS or the Defined Benefit plan employer normal cost depending on whichever is higher. Based on the latest valuation the rates could go up due to assumptions or methods. The bill provides for "rebate" for employers that contributed above the prescribed rates between 2005 & 2007 plus a 5 year hold harmless for employers that paid below 22% in the past.

Rates approved by Alaska Retirement Management Board on June 14th.

Department of Education & Early Development budget:

Amount	School Project
\$ 5,082,761	Russian Mission K-12 School Replacement
\$ 4,458,824	Bethel Regional HS Renovation Phase 2
\$ 3,276,004	Arctic Village K-12 Replacement completion
\$ 1,923,207	Howard Valentine K-12 completion
\$ 5,645,676	D.R. Kiunya Memorial School Improvement
\$ 1,442,554	Fort Yukon gym renovation completion
\$ 6,152,451	Kilbuck Elementary School replacement
\$ 12,969,277	St. Mary's school complex renovation
\$ 7,109,000	Noatak K-12 School replacement [House CS]
\$ 350,000	Pedro Bay old school replacement [House CS]
\$ 135,200	Capital funds for MEHS
\$ 167,600	Operating fund for MEHS
\$ 6,800,000	AHFC housing loan program