



Alaska Association of School Business Officials (ALASBO)

Legislative Fly-In

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Juneau, Alaska

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 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
 - Implementation of Task Force recommendations for Base Student Allocation, Cost Factors and Intensive Needs
 - Legislating employer contribution rates and funding of PERS and TRS
 - Bond debt reimbursement of 60-70%
 - Assistance to local communities through revenue sharing and PCE
- Increases in health insurance, food service and other costs continue to result in funding pressures on school districts
- We would like to encourage a new multi-year funding plan and increased funding for the special needs block grant to promote career/tech education (HB317)
- The need for capital improvement funding across the state remains large and is growing annually; we would like to see this addressed through HB180, HB310, SB237 and the capital budget
- Most districts subsidize school food service programs; we are in favor of state funding to ensure these programs continue for the benefit of students (SB213)
- The current school funding formula has resulted in inequity of local contribution rates among boroughs and municipalities; we are in favor of addressing this through HB350
- We believe that the 70/30 rule is not effective and should be eliminated (HB147)

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