



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
- ALASBO continues to provide training for new school business officials, to address the effects of turnover and to help maintain uniformity of data statewide
- We are an affiliate of the Alaska Council of School Administrators (ACSA)

Issues

- We are thankful to the Legislature for investments in education in recent years
 - Three-year plan for increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA)
 - The \$3 billion to the PERS/TRS program to reduce long-term liability, and continued funding of PERS/TRS
 - One-time funding for energy and safety costs in recent years
 - Continuance of bond debt reimbursement of 50-70%
 - Assistance to local communities through revenue sharing and PCE
- We are here to assist you in understanding the financial situation that K-12 school districts face
 - Increases in worker's comp, health insurance, wages, energy and other costs continue to result in funding pressures on school districts
 - We are supportive of several bills that do not impact the state financially but could be cost effective for school districts
- We support HB31, HB32 and HB34 as well as additional bills expected this session to implement cost control on worker's compensation medical costs
- We support the elimination of PERS termination costs, which make it difficult for districts to manage delivery of services and to deal with declining enrollment
- We support legislation currently being drafted to reduce unfunded mandates and redundancies; this will promote efficiencies within our school districts
- We are concerned about the deferred maintenance implications of suspending the bond debt reimbursement program (SB64 and HB136)
- We are supporting the three studies authorized by HB278 by providing data; we encourage the careful review of these studies once they become available

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