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SSHB 18

“An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date.”

Our Children are Alaska’s greatest resource and we must do all we can to provide them with the best education possible.

We need to do all we can to attract and keep the most highly qualified teachers and support staff in our school systems. The costs faced by our school districts for such things as insurance, fuel, and retirement benefits, under PERS and TRS, continue to rise at an alarming rate. Public education has been charged with assuming greater responsibility with the federal requirements under “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB), while at the same time inflation has severely reduced the purchasing power of the student dollar. Therefore it is imperative that the legislature steps forward again this year with a significant increase to the education funding formula.

The substantial increase to the base student allocation in SS House Bill 18 would assist our local schools districts in meeting their needs along with the public’s expectations and demands. I ask your support of SS House Bill 18.