

Call to Action



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Reverse the cuts to education funding!

Attention All PTA Leaders,

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee cut \$47 million from education formula funding in addition to the cuts already proposed by the Governor and the House. The Senate cuts alone are equivalent of a \$200 cut to the BSA. (Base Student Allocation)

You read that right!

These are devastating cuts that will directly impact our students in the classroom. Imagine: larger class sizes and no sports, art, or music programs. These cuts to public education will result in the loss of hundreds of employees and have a devastating impact on our children's future as well as the economy of each our communities. We cannot solve our state's fiscal problem on the backs of our children

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS NOW!!!

We must reach out to ALL Legislators! Alaska PTA urges you as a PTA leader to ask each of your unit's members call your district's legislators AND send emails to the entire legislature urging them to **Keep the Promise** of funding that they provided last year in HB278.

Some legislators on both sides of the aisle are fighting for public education but they need our support to hold strong. This will be a huge challenge as they face key legislators who favor these cuts and will only change their position if pressured by fellow members of their caucus and enough of their constituents.

- To email the entire legislature: Gov.ALLlegislators@alaska.gov
- To determine your district's legislators and find their contact information visit: www.akleg.gov

Details about the Conference Committee

The Conference Committee members appointed for the Operating Budget are:

- House: Rep. Thompson (R), Rep. Neuman (R), and Rep. Gara (D)
- Senate: Sen. Kelly (R), Sen. MacKinnon (R) and Sen. Olson (D)

With the appointment of the conference committee, the 24-hour rule is now in effect which means that they only need to give notice for hearings 24 hours in advance. We must act quickly. Please spread the word to your members and contact your legislators today!

In Less than 5 minutes you could save education in Alaska!