Alaska Association of School Boards
Legislative Fly-in

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SAY WHAT
NOW??
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Constitution of the State of Alaska

PREAMBLE

We the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land, in order to secure and transmit to succeeding generations our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty within the Union of States, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Alaska.

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State of Alaska Constitutional Convention
University of Alaska
Nov. 8, 1955
FEB. 6, 1956
We the people of Alaska...
HOW WILL WE MEET Alaska’s Education Challenges?

1. Public Commitments

2. Positive Trajectories

3. Prioritized Strategies
An Excellent Education for Every Student Every Day
Our Why

It is the policy of this state that the purpose of education is to help ensure that all students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them.
All students read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade

Increase career, technical, and culturally relevant education to meet student and workforce needs

Close the achievement gap by ensuring equitable educational rigor and resources

Prepare, attract, and retain effective education professionals

Improve the safety & well-being of students through school partnerships with families, communities and tribes
Meeting Alaska’s Education Challenge Together

Together, we will meet Alaska’s education challenge by honoring our heritage, innovating for the future, and prioritizing for today’s fiscal challenges.
We will meet
Alaska’s Education Challenges
TOGETHER!

Public Commitments

Positive Trajectories

Priorities Strategies
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Alexander Hamilton Essay #1
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Alexander Hamilton Essay #1
My first budget is going to be an honest budget. As I promised the people, we must start from the standpoint that expenditures must equal revenue. We can’t go on forever using savings to plug the budget gap.

These three constitutional amendments will require that both the people of Alaska and their elected officials work closely together to secure our future. The People are the key to a permanent fiscal plan. Without the People’s support, any plan put in place by the Legislature will always be in doubt.
Q&A
THANK YOU!