

House Leadership

- House member since 2009
- Appointed to fill late father's seat
- Graduate of Nome-Beltz,
Stanford University & UAA



Neal Foster (D-Nome)
Speaker Pro Tem

House Leadership

- Graduate Dimond High School
- Former Anchorage School Board Member



Rep. Chris Tuck (D-Anchorage)
House Democratic Spokesman

Senate Majority

Cathy Giessel , Senate President



- **Lifelong Alaskan Resident**
- **Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP)**
- **University of Michigan, UAA**
- **Elected to the Senate in 2011**

Senate Majority

- Lifelong Alaskan
- Graduate West High School
- Harvard & UAS
- Former Teacher
- Elected to the Legislature 2011



Sen. Mia Costello (R-Anchorage)
House Majority Leader



Senate Majority

- **4th Generation Alaskan**
- **Appointed to Legislature 2003**



Sen. Bert Stedman (R-Sitka)
Co-Chair Senate Finance (Operation)

Senate Majority

- **4th Generation Alaskan**
- **Elected to Legislature in 2017**
- **Former Anchorage School Board Member**



Sen. Natash Von Imhof (R-Anchorage)
Co-Chair Senate Finance (Capital)

Senate Majority

Retired UAA Professor

**Former Kodiak School
Board Member**

Ph.D – University of Oregon



Sen. Gary Stevens (R-Kodiak)
Chair Senate Education

Senate Minority

- Lifelong Alaskan
- Bard College New York, UAA,
- Oxford
- Elected to Legislature 2017



Sen. Tom Begich (D-Anchorage)
Senate Minority Leader

Governor Michael Dunleavy

**Teacher, Principal, Supt in
NWABSD**



Mat-Su School Board Member

Served in Senate 2013-2018

1st Term as Governor

Governor Michael Dunleavy



Commissioner Johnson

- **Teacher, Principal, Supt.
(Copper River SD)**
- **Ph.D in Education &
Intercultural Studies (UAF)**
- **Appointed to cabinet 2016**



Commissioner Michael Johnson
Dept Education & Early Development



OMB Director Donna Arduin

**Led budget teams in New York,
Florida, Michigan, California**

**Consulted with political candidates in
Illinois, Florida, California.**

**Graduate of Duke with degrees in
Economics & Public Policy.**

**Partner in economic consulting firm
of Arduin, Laffer & Moore**



FY 20 Budget

- **Governor Walkers budget submitted by Governor Dunleavy due to time constraints following inauguration. & to meet statutory requirements**
- **New FY20 budget due on Feb 13.**
- **Administration estimates \$1.6 billion deficit.**
- **“All items of state expenditures on the table. The state must learn to live within its means and we will get there by making the tough spending decisions”**

Donna Arduin, Director of OMB



AASB Legislative Priorities for 2019

- Sustainable, adequate funding for public education is the key to Alaska's future.
- Provide a culturally responsive education that includes language, place and relevance.
- Embed practices to support the whole student and whole school (trauma engaged).
- Effective pathways for CTE post-secondary training or employment.
- Preparing students entering school to be ready to learn.
- Increase retention, recruitment, and training of highly effective teachers.

ASA/AASB Joint Legislative Positions

- We support the development of a long-term fiscal plan to ensure sustainable education funding for current and future generations, and provide for a quality education as required by Alaska's constitution.
- We support the expansion of Career and Technical Education opportunities to prepare a workforce to support Alaska's economy.
- We support funding for school safety, security, and embedded practices, to support the whole student and whole school (trauma engaged), in order to ensure schools are safe and supportive for Alaska's children.
- We support increased accessibility for high quality early learning opportunities for all children, to improve school readiness and future success throughout their entire school career, and beyond K-12 education.
- We support comprehensive programs that prepare, attract, and retain highly qualified teachers to support Alaska's public school students.

Alaska's Education Challenge

Improve Student Learning

Ensure Excellent Educators

Modernize the Education System

Inspire Tribal and Community Ownership

Promote Safety and Well-Being



Increase Student Success

Support Responsible and Reflective Learners

Cultivate Safety and Well-Being



Alaska's Educational Challenge

ALASKA'S *Education* CHALLENGE



Probable Legislative Focus

Once organization occurs the Legislature will be focused on the following priorities:

- **The Budget**
- **Crime & Public Safety**
- **Permanent Fund Dividends**

Education Bills Moving/Filed

- **HB 6 - Display of National & State Mottos**
- **HB 7 - Sex Education/Human Reproduction/
Sexuality Education**
- **HB 24 - Limited Teacher Certificates/Languages**
- **SB 6 – Early Childhood Education**
- **SB 30 – Middle College Programs**
- **SB 31 – Transferable Credits Between UA Programs**
- **SB 39 – Supplemental Budget**

HB 6 Display of National & State Mottos

****Note – bill was pre-filed but not introduced because House remains unorganized.**

Supports display of the mottos in public buildings, including schools.

Only requires schools to display, “to the extent donations are available .”

A school board may only use donated money to pay for design, creation, or purchase displays.

HB 7 Sex, Reproduction, Secuality Education

- ****Note – bill was pre-filed but not introduced because House remains unorganized.**
- **Must be age appropriate.**
- **Includes a listing of what must taught.**
- **Has a lisitng precluded teaching.**

HB 24 Limited Teacher Certification/ Languages

****Note – bill was pre-filed but not introduced because House remains unorganized.**

Allows DEED to issue limited teacher certificates to qualified persons for:

- **Alaska Native Culture**
- **Military Science**
- **Vocational or Technical Education**
- **Any subject, if language of instruction is not English**

SB 6 Early Education Programs/Funding

- **Adds “early education” to elementary school programs.**
- **Allows districts to count children at least 4 and no more than 5 years old in the ADM.**
- **Grants are provided to develop programs.**
- **Schools applying for grants are ranked for grant eligibility according to performance designations.**

SB 30 Middle College Program

- Summary of middle college program to be included in annual report to legislature.
- Program is established for enrollment in classes through the UA system.
- All districts shall participate in program.
- District is responsible for tuition.
- Students are responsible for fees, books, transportation.

SB 31 Transferability of Credits between UA Programs

- Lower division courses on all UA campuses shall be aligned to ensure transferability.**
- Full credit in lower division courses shall be awarded across the UA system to all students.**
- UA campuses shall coordinate lower division courses to ensure transferability.**

SB 39 Supplemental Budget

- **Supplemental budget released on 1/28 by the Governor and contained a rescission of the \$20 million appropriated by 30th legislature in HB 287.**
- **This is, in effect, a mid-year reduction in district budgets removing funds already committed.**