

Programs Important For Education

- **Foundation Formula**
- **Forward Funding of Education**
- **Bond Debt Reimbursement**
- **REAA/Small Municipal School District Fund**
- **Pre-K Grants**
- **One Time Funding Outside of Formula**

Additional Reductions Affecting Education

- **Alaska Marine Highway System**
- **University of Alaska**
- **Mount Edgecumbe**
- **Ability of Municipalities to tax oil/gas facilities**
- **Community Assistance Program**
- **Best Beginnings**
- **Parents as Teachers**
- **Head Start**

A Tax is a Tax is a Tax!

Cost Shifting

- **Repeal of Bond Debt Reimbursement - shifting the entire burden of school construction from the state to municipalities**
- **Repeal of Raw Fish Tax Program - removing the shared fish tax receipts with municipalities**
- **Repeal of the Community Assistance Program - funding from the state to boroughs, cities and unincorporated communities**
- **Repeal of the ability of Municipalities to tax oil & gas facilities within their boundary**

What are the Effects of Cost Shifting?

- **Raising property Taxes**
- **Enacting or raising sales taxes**
- **Eliminating services**
- **Dissolving the municipality**

David Teal, Director Legislative Finance

"There is no question that revenues were insufficient to the budget for a number of years since FY13. The question isn't, 'do expenditures exceed revenue;' it is, 'do expenditures exceed revenue because expenditures are too high, or because revenue is too low? Legislators are the judge of that."

House Finance Town Hall Meetings

Meetings held in Juneau, Ketchikan, Mat-Su, Bethel, Kenai, Anchorage, Sitka, and Fairbanks.

Alaskans overwhelmingly (5 to 1) testified in favor of sustaining services (education, university, AMHS, senior benefits, etc.)

Alaskans expressed the need to implement new sources of revenue.



What is the Message ?

PFD's are important to many Alaskans. However, it is not an 'either/or decision'. It is shortsighted and inappropriate to ask Alaskans to decide between a PFD and education funding.

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House Education Committee

Monday, April 8, 8:00am-10:00am

Room 106

“Strategies for Making a Difference in Student Achievement”

- Southwest Region School District
- North Slope Borough School District
- Petersburg School District
- Sitka Borough School District
- Cordova City School District

