House Leadership

First Alaska Native House Speaker.
First Democrat in post in 25 years.
Graduate of Dillingham High School and UAA.

House Speaker Bryce Edgmon
House Leadership

16 years in Alaska Legislature

Former chair of House Education Committee

Rep. Paul Seaton, R-Homer
Co-Chair House Finance
House Leadership

Graduate Nome-Beltz High School

Stanford University (Political Science)

UAA (Business Administration)

Rep. Neal Foster, D- Nome
Co-Chair, House Finance
House Leadership

Three term Anchorage School Board Member

Graduate of Cornell University

Serving 3rd House Term

Rep. Harriet Drummond, D- Anchorage, Chair Education Committee
House Leadership

Graduate Dimond High School

Former Anchorage School Board Member

Rep. Chris Tuck, D-Anchorage
House Majority Leader
House Leadership

Retired Public School Teacher

Serving 2nd House Term

Rep. Dan Ortiz, I-Ketchikan
Chair, Education Finance Subcommittee
Key Votes in House Coalition

Rep. Gabriel Ledoux
R- Anchorage

Rep. Louise Stutes
R- Kodiak

Rep. Paul Seaton
R- Homer
House Minority

Graduate of Dimond High School

Serving 6th House Term

18 member minority in 40-member House

Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage

Minority Leader
Senate Majority

Graduate of Lathrop High School

Liberty University (Management)

12 Years House/Senate

Senator President Pete Kelly
R-Fairbanks
Senate Majority

Graduate Service High School

UAA & UAF (Finance)

8 years House/Senate

Sen. Anna McKinnon, R-Anchorage
Co-Chair Senate Finance
Senate Majority

Graduate Bethel High School

UAA (Business Admin)

32 Years Legislature

Sen. Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel
Co-Chair Senate Finance
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

Graduate of U-Cal Riverside (Psychology)

12th year in Legislature

Five member minority in 20-member Senate

Sen. Berta Gardner, D-Anchorage
Minority Leader
Governor Walker

Graduate of Valdez High School

University of Puget Sound

1st Term as Governor

Governor Bill Walker
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
FY 19 Governor’s Operating Budget

- All formula programs fully funded. BSA remains at $5930.
- Multi-year appropriation to support implementation ESSA scheduled to terminate end of FY2018. Language to extend into FY2019
- $100,000 increase in GF to support development, updating & adoption of new science standards.
- $1,200,000 increase of GF for additional early learning support
Governor’s Alaska Economic Recovery Plan

• The AERP will put Alaskans to work, address deferred maintenance liability & provide confidence to investors.

• Deferred maint. Capital package of $1.4 billion in construction projects throughout state.

• The AERP comprised of three elements:
  1) Limited payroll deduction tax;
  2) Alaska Economic Recovery Act
  3) Oil & gas tax credit certificates bond financing program
AASB Legislative Priorities for 2018

• Ensure Alaska’s Future by investing in public education funding.

• Provide a culturally responsive education for every student, every day.

• Support Trauma-Informed Practices for Whole-Child and Whole-School approaches that build positive outcomes.
AASB Legislative Priorities for 2018

• Deliver equitable access to educational infrastructure for every student.

• Prepare students entering school to be ready to learn.

• Increase recruitment and training of highly qualified teachers.
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

Increase Student Success
Success will be identified using multiple measures as part of a rich and varied curriculum.

Cultivate Safety and Well-Being
All schools will be safe and nourish student well-being.

An excellent education for every student everyday

Support Responsible and Reflective Learners
Families, tribes, educators, and communities will provide relevant learning opportunities.
Next Steps

ESSA

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Alaska’s Education Challenge

Increased Student Achievement
Education Bills Moving

• HB 64  Reading Proficiency Task Force (Dyslexia)
• HB 102  Limited Teacher Cert: Languages
• HB 213 Public School Trust Fund
• HB 287 Education/Student Transportation
• HB 339 Increases BSA from $5930 to $6030 ($100)
• HJR 29 Reauthorization Secure Rural Schools
• SB 99 Pre-Elementary Programs
• SB131 Education Funding by April 1
HB 64 Reading Proficiency Task Force

• Establishes TF on Reading Proficiency and Instruction for all students & effects of dyslexia;

• Recommendations regarding reading & diagnosis, treatment and education around dyslexia;

• Examine statutes and regs affecting reading proficiency
HB 102 Limited Certificates: Languages

• Allows DEED to issues limited certificates for any subject if the language of instruction is not English (already allowed for AK Nat Culture, military science, VocEd);

• Must be requested by district and are only valid in requesting district.
HB 213 Public School Trust Fund

- Combines Principal & Income Accounts;

- Allows Legislature to appropriate 4.75% annually for public education;

- Provides more direction to Department of Revenue on how to invest fund.
HB 287 Appropriation: Education/Student Transportation

- $1.2 billion from CBR fund;
- $67,862,000 from Statutory Budget Reserve Fund;
- Must have “super-majority” (3/4 vote) to utilize CBR.
- Bill passed the House, however the vote to fund out of CBR failed.
- We have a bill with no funding source.
HB 339 Increase Base Student Allocation (BSA)

• Informational hearing in House Education Monday, Feb 12, 8:00am – Room 106 – Public Testimony.

• Plan is to introduce in the House this week.

• Bill is on the House Education calendar for Friday, Feb 16 at 8:00am – Room 106.
HJR 29 – Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools

- Requests US Congress to pass & President to sign long-term reauthorization of SRS;
SB 99 Pre-Elementary Programs/Funding

• Established voluntary P-K for 4 yr olds with a roll-out over 5 yrs;
• 1st year for lowest performing 20% of districts;
• Over next 4 years remaining 80% districts eligible continuing with lowest performing districts and working up to higher performing.
SB 131 Education Funding; Budget

• Education appropriation be transmitted to Governor by April 1;

• Education funding becomes a separate appropriation and increases the budget to 4 appropriations (Operational, Capital, Mental Health, and Education)