

# 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



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

16 years in Alaska  
Legislature

Former chair of House  
Education Committee

# 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



Rep. Harriet Drummond,

D- Anchorage, Chair Education Committee

**Three term Anchorage  
School Board Member**

**Graduate of Cornell  
University**

**Serving 3<sup>rd</sup> House Term**

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> House  
Term**

**18 member minority  
In 40-member House**



**Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage**

**Minority Leader**



# Senate Majority



**Senate President Pete Kelly**  
R-Fairbanks

Graduate of Lathrop  
High School

Liberty University  
(Management)

12 Years House/Senate

# 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)**

**12<sup>th</sup> year in Legislature**

**Five member minority in  
20-member Senate**



**Sen. Berta Gardner, D-Anchorage**  
**Minority Leader**

# Governor Walker



**Governor Bill Walker**

**Graduate of Valdez High  
School**

**University of Puget Sound**

**1<sup>st</sup> Term as Governor**

# 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

## ALASKA'S *Education* CHALLENGE



# 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;**
- Encourages US Congress to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.**

# SB 99 Pre-Elementary Programs/Funding

- Established voluntary P-K for 4 yr olds with a roll-out over 5 yrs;
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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**)