



**To:** School Board Members

**From:** Lon Garrison, Executive Director, Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB)

**Subject:** URGENT: Action Needed – Support Veto Override for **SB 113** to Secure Education Funding

**Date:** January 18, 2026

Dear School Board Members,

As we prepare for the gavel to drop on the second session of the 34th Alaska Legislature this Tuesday, January 20, time is of the essence. We have a critical, narrow window to secure a sustainable revenue stream for our schools, and I am calling on you to urge your Senators and Representatives to push for and support a **veto override of Senate Bill 113**.

### **The Five-Day Window**

Under **Article II, Section 16 of the Alaska Constitution**, the Legislature has a unique opportunity to reconsider bills vetoed after the adjournment of the previous session. However, this constitutional provision requires that such action be taken **within the first five days of the next session**. If the Legislature does not convene a joint session to vote on an override by January 25, this vital legislation—and the funding it supports—will be

lost.

## What is SB 113?

SB 113 is a modernization of Alaska's tax structure designed for the 21st-century economy.

- **It is NOT a personal tax:** This bill does not increase taxes on Alaskan citizens or local small businesses.
- **Contemporary Equity:** It adjusts the "sales factor" for **highly digitized businesses** (multi-state corporations that operate electronically) to ensure they pay their fair share based on the revenue they generate right here in Alaska.
- **Modernized Apportionment:** It updates our participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, bringing our tax code in line with the digital reality of today's marketplace.

## Why It Matters for Education

The passage of SB 113 is the "key" that unlocks significant funding provisions in **HB 57**.

The revenue generated is specifically intended to:

1. **Support Reading Proficiency Grants:** These funds will supplant general funds to support the **Alaska Reads Act**, ensuring our K-3 students have the resources necessary to achieve foundational literacy.
2. **Boost Vocational/Technical Education:** SB 113 triggers an increase in the secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding factor from 1.015 to 1.023, providing much-needed investment in workforce development and career readiness for our students.

## Your Voice is Needed Now

We cannot afford to let this opportunity slip away. Please **contact your legislators** immediately via text or email with this simple message:

***"Support a joint session to override the veto of SB 113 within the first five days of the session to protect strategic education funding for our students. This bill provides strategic funding support for improving reading and providing career and technical education that can be funded through innovative corporate tax reform."***

Encourage your community members, parents, and local business leaders to do the same. When the legislature hears a unified voice from school boards across the state, they listen.

Thank you for your tireless advocacy for Alaska's children.

Sincerely,

**Lon Garrison**

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