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Harry K. Brower, Jr., Mayor

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Dear Mr. Szymoniak,

The North Slope Borough Mayor's Office and the Department of Administration and Finance are in the process of developing the FY 18 Budget. At this time, we have determined that the level of the North Slope Borough's financial support to the North Slope Borough School District for FY 18 will be \$36,535,626. This amount reflects an increase to your annual budget of \$1,160,000 over the previous year.


Based upon our initial financial forecasts, this is the maximum amount of funding which I will be able to allocate to your organization for the upcoming fiscal year. As you may already be aware of, the financial support as outlined above represents the highest level of local contribution funding for the School District since the inception of the Borough. It is my expectation that this increase in funding will be utilized to accomplish the following two objectives in the form of an MOU between the Borough and the School District:

- Support Inupiaq Education Programs (\$660,000)
- Provide Vocational Education Programs, with the primary focus on Shop (Mechanical and Wood) and Home Ec (Sewing and Cooking) (\$500,000).

It is my expectation that any presentations made to the Assembly will clearly reflect the identified funding priorities. Thank you for your continued efforts to provide high quality education to all of our residents.

If you have any questions or concerns, I ask that you contact Director of Administration and Finance Andrew Stemp at 852-0240.

Respectfully,


Harry K. Brower, Jr.
Mayor