

AASB and ISER Join Together to Present:  
The Lee Gorsuch Public Policy Forum And AASB Law & Policy Day  
Public Education Funding In Alaska and the Concept of Adequacy  
December 7, 8, 2023 Anchorage

**Friday December 8, 2023**

***Understanding Alaska Education Funding And Its Adequacy***

8:30 – 8:40 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction
8:40 – 9:50 a.m.	<b><i>The Constitution and Funding Public Education: Is it Time for More “Moore”?</i></b> <u>John Sedor</u> , Attorney, Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi LLC.
9:50 – 10:35 a.m.	<b><i>How Schools Are (Or Could Be) Funded – The Nuts and Bolts</i></b> <u>Katie Gardner</u> , Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations, Matanuska Susitna Borough School District
10:35 – 10:45 a.m.	<b><i>Application is Learning</i></b>
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00 – 12:00 a.m.	<b><i>What is Adequacy, How do we Measure it, and Why do we Care?</i></b> <u>Larry O. Picus</u> , Professor of Education, Finance and Policy, University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education
Noon – 1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30- 2:40 p.m.	<b><i>The Role of Data (and the Data) in Considering Funding Models and Factors</i></b> Institute of Social and Economic Research; <u>Dayna DeFeo</u> and <u>Matt Berman</u> on Alaska’s investment in education vis-à-vis national trends and the cost of living.
2:40– 2:50 p.m.	<b><i>Application is Learning</i></b>
2:50-3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	<b><i>Funding does not exist in a vacuum: The Role of The Political Process – Putting Education into the Context of Societal Choices and Politics</i></b> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Tom Klaamyer</u> , President, NEA-Alaska.</li> <li>• <u>Diane Hirshberg</u>, Director, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage.</li> <li>• <u>Roy Getchell</u>, President, Alaska Superintendent Association and Superintendent, Haines Borough School District.</li> <li>• <u>Deana Bishop</u>, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.</li> <li>• Facilitator: John Sedor</li> </ul>
4:30- 4:45	<b><i>Wrap Up and Preview of Day 2</i></b> February 9, 2024 at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall