

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE SURVEY**

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District: 32_____

1. 21st Century Challenges:

- I believe that a dropout rate approaching 40% statewide is completely unacceptable. A nearly illiterate Alaska will not be globally competitive in adding value and producing the wealth necessary to thrive in the 21st Century.
- Our education services are systemically obsolete.
- A study of countries and states that have successfully developed an education system appropriate for this century needs to be undertaken & a template created.
- A commission is formed to develop a system for Alaska from the template.
- The commission to include representatives from government, education, business, labor, scientific and technological sectors.
- An endowment fund or perhaps a permanent fund for education developed to provide annual funding. This would in the future be funded by natural gas revenue; in the interim by windfall revenue.

2. Increasing Technology Needs for Student Learning and Parent Access to Information:

- Technological literacy will be as necessary today and into the future as reading, writing and arithmetic were in the past centuries.
- Parental access to information and instruction on how to access information through completion of secondary education requirements.

3. Early Childhood Education:

- Pre- K is absolutely essential to the well being of our society in the absence of a parent or other role model in the formative years.

4. Highly Qualified Staffing Needs:

- Short Term—Repeal SB 141 & reinstate a defined benefit plan as the default benefit. Make total compensation package competitive and include geographic adjustments.
- Long Term—as determined by the commission.

5. Capital Needs:

- Short Term—Invest in necessary infrastructure and maintenance from windfall revenue. Long Term—as determined by the commission

6. Ideas for Improving Alaska's Public Schools:

- See # 1 above