



January 24, 2010

Dear Local Unit Officers and Members,

On behalf of the Alaska PTA Board of Managers (BOM), we invite you to join us in Juneau February 24th & 25th for our annual Legislative Fly-In. This is the one time annually when PTA representatives come together to advocate for education and children's issues with the Governor's office and our legislators. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how our state government works and to truly speak for all children with one voice.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our surveys to establish which legislative issues are most important for us to address in Juneau this legislative session. Following are the top priorities chosen by our membership. These priorities, those of prior years, our Legislative Platform and resolutions passed at our annual convention can be found on our website at [www.alaskapta.org](http://www.alaskapta.org) under the heading "Where We Stand."

Please consider sending a representative to the Fly-In. Some PTA's use donated companion tickets to send two adults for little more than the price of one, or to send a student representative along with an adult. If you have never participated before, do not let that hold you back. We will walk you through the process of making appointments and advocating for Alaska PTA issues and other issues that may be important to your local unit. Please contact Alaska PTA Legislative Chair, Allen McCarty [mccartyallen@yahoo.com](mailto:mccartyallen@yahoo.com), if you have any questions or suggestions.

**Alaska Airlines is currently offering a 30% discount on the seven-day advanced purchase fare at [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com).** Alaska PTA representatives will probably be staying at the Baranof or Gold Belt Hotels. Hotel information can be found at the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau or by e-mail to Allen McCarty. Please let us know by February 15th who will be attending to represent your local unit. The attached Notification of Attendance can be e-mailed to [akpta.org](mailto:akpta.org). The only costs to attend are the airfare, food and lodging. We hope if you have not already budgeted for this event, that you will amend your budget to include this important annual advocacy effort for Alaska's kids and families. Together we can strengthen and improve educational programs for all Alaskan children.

Thank you for all you do to support and enrich our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amey Tamagni'.

Amey Tamagni  
President  
Alaska PTA



### **2010 Alaska PTA Legislative Priorities**

- 1) Alaska PTA supports significant capital investment in technology for schools to prepare Alaska's students for the digital future.
- 2) Alaska PTA supports access to career/ technical training and workforce development programs for all Alaska's secondary students to enhance school relevance, meet students' needs and improve the graduation rate.
- 3) Alaska PTA strongly supports the reconstitution and the independent active management of the Alaska Public school Land Trust. In addition Alaska PTA seeks a Representative seat to assist in the management of the school land trust and public school permanent fund. Further, Alaska PTA supports Legislation that requires that funding generated from the public school land trust directly benefit every Alaskan public school without supplanting the traditional education funding.
- 4) Alaska PTA urges the Governor and legislature to establish a program rewarding academic success of Alaskan residents who receive high school diplomas. Alaska PTA supports rewards which may include tuition waivers at Alaskan post secondary education, and provide appropriate funding. Alaska PTA believes Alaskan residency requirements prior to and after post secondary education is an important component of any rewards program.



**Alaska PTA Legislative Fly-In To Juneau  
February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Notification of Attendance**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Legislators: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any specific concerns that you would like to address?

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Remember there is no fee to attend the Fly-In. You will be responsible for your airfare, hotel and meals. This is a legitimate budget expense for your PTA unit. We would love to have your voice and support in Juneau.

**Please return this form to the Alaska PTA office via mail, fax or email before February 15, 2010.**

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