



## Legislative Priorities 2005 - 2006

- Alaska PTA strongly supports the reconstitution of the Alaska Public School Land Trust. In addition, Alaska PTA seeks a delegate seat to assist the state in the management of the School Trust Lands.
- Alaska PTA strongly supports:
  - Modifying the foundation formula to provide equitable educational programs statewide without reducing funding to any school district;
  - Biennial education funding to allow continuity of programs; and
  - Increasing funding to offset escalation of fixed costs to at least maintain existing programs.
- Alaska PTA advocates for the creation of legislation to provide fiscal incentives to schools that increase daily physical activity and provide daily healthy food choices.
- Alaska PTA supports state funding in the form of grants for all school districts to establish affordable after school programs with a physical activity component available to all students K-12.
- Alaska PTA believes the academic achievement gap will only be eliminated by addressing increased performance by all students. Alaska PTA will facilitate public dialog to assess and address this gap for culturally diverse, economically disadvantaged and special needs students. Public dialog will result in a report with recommendations to local communities, educational partners, and the legislature.

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