

Partial List of Information Resources
Alaska Public School Land Trust & Fund
August 2005

State Agencies

1. Alaska Department of Revenue

Commissioner William Corbus

Treasury Division, Betty Martin, Comptroller

P.O. Box 11405, Juneau, AK 99811-0400

Investment Policies and Procedures, Version 2.2 Released January 21, 2005

Section XII C: Public School Trust Fund – Investment Policy Statement

Available online at <http://www.revenue.state.ak.us/treasury/default.asp>

An excellent source; besides investment policies it has historical and financial data.

2. Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Commissioner Tom Irwin

40 Willoughby Ave 5th Floor, Juneau AK 99801-1724, or

550 West 7th Ave, Ste 1400, Anchorage AK 99501-3554

Fiscal information: Division of Support Services

Land information: Division of Mining, Land and Water, online at

<http://plats.landrecords.info/index.html>

Select: Research DNR Case Files LAS (Land Administration System)

Case type for most existing school land is 113 ANISS, ANILCA School Select, files 1-4.

Case type for former school land is 107 SCH, files 1-232 (need 1999 DNR audit nos.)

Or for sections 16/36 anywhere enter the following abstract information: meridian, township, range, section, and case type.

3. Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)

Commissioner Roger Sampson, or Eddie Jeans, School Finance Director

801 W. 10th St., Ste 200, Juneau AK 99801-1894

4. Alaska Superior Court, Third Judicial District Anchorage

Judge Craig Stowers

825 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501-2004

Judge Stowers is assigned to handle Kasayulie vs. State of Alaska. He succeeds Judge John Reese, who retired in 2004. Don't bother writing to him; he only listens to the State and the Plaintiffs!

5. Department of Law, Office of the Attorney General

Labor and State Affairs Section – Anchorage

Brian Bjorkquist, Senior Assistant Attorney General

1031 W. 4th Ave, Ste 200, Anchorage, AK 99501-1994

6. Public School Fund Advisory Board (per AS 37.14.120)

c/o Alaska Department of Revenue, Treasury Division

This Board has five members, currently Commissioner of Revenue William A. Corbus, Commissioner of Education and Early Development Roger Sampson, and State Board of Education members Esther Cox, Sylvia J. Reynolds, and Tom R. Scott.

This advisory board has no powers; it meets once a year to review Trust Fund financial reports.

Other valuable information sources, all accessible via the State of Alaska website, include the Legislative Finance Committee and the Department of Administration, which compiles the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (available every January).

Plaintiffs and Counsel – Kasayulie vs. State of Alaska

7. **Parents.** Willie and Sophie Kasayulie, Akiachak; Paul and Mary Mike, Kotlik; and Arthur and Ruth Heckman, Pilot Station.

8. **School Districts.** Bering Strait S.D., Unalakleet; Iditarod S.D., McGrath; Kashunamut S.D., Chevak; Lower Kuskokwin S.D., Bethel; Lower Yukon S.D., Mountain Village; and Yupiit S.D., Akiachak.

9. **Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children**

CEAAC is a broadly based association of Alaska school districts.

John Davis, President (Superintendent, Bering Strait School District)

Spike Jorgenson, Executive Director

c/o Harold Webb Associates Alaska, P.O. Box 132, Tok AK 99780

web site: <http://www.ceaac.us/frameset.html>

10. **Counsel.**

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Trust Fund History and Analysis

11. ***The Alaska Public School Fund: A Permanent Fund for Education***, a research paper by E. Dean Coon, University of Alaska Fairbanks, March 1984, 40 pp.

12. ***A Promise to Keep: The Alaska Public School Trust Fund: A History of the Fund – 1985–2004***, a research paper by E. Dean Coon, Anchorage, AK, January 2005, 50 pp.

These papers are in the State Library in Juneau and at Loussac, UAA and UAF. A Promise to Keep may be accessed on a AK PTA web site link. Abstracts of the papers are available from the author at dean.ak@gci.net.

Advocate for Students

13. **Alaska Parents and Teachers Association**

President, Dee Parsons

Alaska Public School Land Trust Committee, Suellen Appellof, chair (past president)

555 West Northern Lights– Ste 204 (or Box 201496)

Anchorage, Alaska 99520–1496

Web site: <http://www.alaska.net/~akpta/>

In April 2005 the PTA adopted a strongly worded resolution, its second, calling for better management of the fund, compensation for unfulfilled commitments made by the state and federal governments, and for lawmakers to ensure the trusts be allowed to fulfill the purposes for which they were created.

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