


FW: DEED approach to Local Contributions

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 1 attachment (27 KB)

DEED Local Contributions Regulatory Change.docx;

Hi Dan and Abigail:

Can you include this email and the attachment in the information section of the next council packet please. Thank you.

Alice

From: Nils Andreassen <nils@akml.org>

Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 8:13 AM

To:

Subject: DEED approach to Local Contributions

I'm not sure if you saw this - [Alaska school districts could take financial hit as education department considers tighter limits on local funding](#) – but it is probably worth us either discussing or being aware of.

We developed the attached as the start of a white paper to inform members. A few high-level considerations:

- DEED's approach is potentially correct in principle, if we are focused on equity.
- In practice, it will have the effect of further reducing adequacy, and will negatively impact some districts.
- The State can address this instead by increasing its overall funding to districts.
- I will also note that we have a resolution that argues Impact Aid should be local, and that the disparity test is simply a way to use that instead to offset the State's obligation.

Probably not easy answers to any of this, but it would be great if we could come to either consensus or have some sense of common purpose. If we argue against equity in principle and in favor of interests, we lose the ability to assert a principled approach in the future. That said, we also don't want to argue a position that negatively impacts our members. It seems like the right approach is simply the State has to address its adequacy issues, or inadequacy, in this case. But that's also not so easy.

In any event, please consider this email and the attached draft provisional, for our deliberative purposes only. We'd be happy to set up a call to discuss, and I look forward to feedback.

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