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KPBSD School Board

AASB Fly-In-Juneau
February 6-February 10, 2025

2/6/2025

Arrived in Juneau early afternoon

3:30-Went up to the capital to meet with a representative who ended up not being available. Sat in a finance meeting to observe. Walked about the building, found Rep Elam's office. He was in and met with me to chat for a short visit.

2/7/2025

Saturday

7:30-4:40 Attended AASB presentations. Topic was school safety, which seemed more directed towards larger population groups, such as Anchorage. Take away- perhaps we could be working with local police department to get more presence in our schools. While I appreciate the work that went into setting up the presentation made by AASB, I feel like it was not critical as to why we were gathering.

2/8/2025

Sunday

7:30 - 3 AASB Legislative review. Overview of all bills. Very helpful. Presentation from a few legislators on bills they wanted supported. Message was that there would be no more \$\$ towards the BSA this year.

Brief prep with team on who we would be meeting with on Monday and what our message would be.

2/9/2025

Monday

Spent the day at the capital meeting with various legislators or their staff. Overall message we received was that funding is very limited and no new \$\$ could be expected for districts. Most districts have similar asks for old buildings and structures to be taken care of. Lack of building maintenance has become critical statewide.

2/10/2025

Tuesday

Met with local representatives to go over KPBSD budget shortfall. Met again with various legislators or staff.

Left Juneau on Tuesday for home. Tim Daugharty and Sarah Douthit remained an additional day.

I would like to express my thanks to President Taurianen for the opportunity to represent our district on this trip. While the experience of traveling to Juneau was interesting, I am not sure that it should be part of what we do as a district every year, especially when we are in a deficit.

One could argue that it is why we might send an advocate for our district, but we were one of many groups from all over Alaska that were traveling from office to office, with that exact message. Travel to Juneau for our district for 5-6 days is a cost that can and should be cut.