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## **2006-2007 Legislative Priorities**

Alaska PTA strongly supports the reconstitution and active management 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 and facilities.

Alaska PTA strongly supports and advocates for the development and implementation of the parental involvement policies of NCLB that will:

- Train Teachers and staff to apply the six standards of parent involvement:
  1. Communicating
  2. Parenting
  3. Student Learning
  4. Volunteering
  5. School decision making and advocacy
  6. Collaborating with the community
- Engage parents
- Provide parents with clear and timely information about NCLB
- Develop effective advocates

Alaska PTA strongly advocates that every school district in Alaska adopts and implements a wellness policy that incorporates:

- Nutrition standards that exceed the federal minimum requirements for school meals and foods available for general consumption.

- Assurance of daily physical activity for every student K-12 of at least 45 minutes.
- The implementation of a health curriculum K-12 that emphasizes the physical, mental and emotional benefits of good nutrition and physical activity.
- Parent education on the obesity problem and the importance of adults and children developing life-long habits for good health.
- A school employee wellness component

Alaska PTA strongly supports legislation requiring school safety programs that comply with the intent of NCLB regulations. These programs must address local needs as determined by objective data and will include prevention activities. All school safety programs must include staff, students, parents and community. These programs must be measured and evaluated annually.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted at the Legislative Issues Conference October 21, 2006