

# Educational Improvement Plans

*Some of your constituents would be interested in your answers to the following questions on the broader scope of education.*

A1.] If you could make one change to education in Alaska, what would you do? (e.g.: improve school safety / increase parental choice / change graduation requirements / emphasize character development / increase technology opportunities)

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A2.] How much do you estimate education would improve (graduation rate, college preparedness, college attendance, work preparedness, parent satisfaction, teacher satisfaction, or some other measure of educational performance)?

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B.] Which of the following three choices is the best interpretation of the following state statute? (Circle one.)

AS 14.07.050 Use of Textbooks and Curriculum Materials: Textbooks for use in the public schools of the state, including a district offered state-wide correspondence study program, shall be selected by district boards for district schools. Nothing in this section precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using textbooks or curriculum material not provided by the school district.

1. That a student who uses privately-purchased materials may not be considered a full time student. (current interpretation)
  2. That the district must review privately-purchased materials for alignment to state standards and allow for their use.
  3. Other:
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C.] Thousands of parents currently use their dividend check to pay for private / religious / home education. If a "child dividend" for children of educational age was found to be constitutional, would you support or oppose it? Support Oppose (Circle one.)

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D.] Which of the following best describes your position on vouchers? (Circle one.)

1. The constitution is clear, and "no money from the treasury will be spent for the direct benefit of private, parochial or religious educational institutions" would prevent a voucher system.
  2. I believe that spending money on vouchers takes money from the public education system and would therefore oppose it.
  3. I believe that supporting choice in education through vouchers is a way to improve education.
  4. I would support vouchers but fear control over private education by the state.
  5. I haven't supported vouchers strongly in the past, but with graduation rates and college preparedness rates as low as they are, I am willing to look at it now.
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E.] I would be interested in passing a law which would test whether vouchers are constitutional. YES NO (Circle one.)

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<sup>1</sup>AG Nordstrand Memo (9/20/2005) differs from the intent of the bill as presented by Sen. Dyson (2003 and reaffirmed as per his testimony at the State School Board meeting in 3/2008)