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Dear Manager Sosa, Mayor Hill, the Director of Economic Development, and the Haines Borough Assembly;

With the recent proposal from Manager Sosa to reduce the borough's contribution to the Haines Borough School District, and budget an external study the Haines PD and why it is not working the way some think it should, I felt compelled to write.

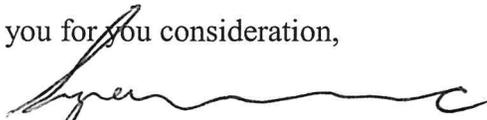
Please continue to fully fund the Haines Borough School District. I speak as a parent of a past student, now in her freshman year of college, and as a professional person who often works with the district. Thanks to the resources at the district, young people thrive, are supported, and are better able to become both local and global citizens.

Our school is excellent, as shown by recent awards, the current student body, past graduates, and the entire staff. Education is our best tool to see Haines flourish, attract people to live here, and create wise economic development. The school is the center of Haines as well it should be. Don't compromise it.

Don't use tax payer funds to study a department that people will always complain about. Use that money to help fund education. Such external studies are expensive and seem to have a consistent history of not making a real difference in our community.

In tough times we must preserve and continue to promote things of intrinsic and lasting value; Education.

Thank you for your consideration,



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