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A Word from Our State President – Shoovlyn White

School Nutrition Professionals Brush 279,987 tons of snow from personal vehicles in dedication to school nutrition

I applaud the dedication of School Nutrition Professionals across the great state of Alaska. After surviving and thriving through the pandemic, we demonstrated remarkable resilience serving through what may be one of the toughest winters in several decades.



We crunched the numbers, and collectively, Alaska's school nutrition professionals have brushed over 279,987 tons of snow from their personal vehicles so that they could make it to work and feed Alaska's hungry schoolchildren.

In Anchorage, 253 SNPs brushed a total of 271.3 in. of snowfall from vehicles. Everyone in Anchorage drives a Toyota Camry, which has an approximate windshield surface area of 1,595 sq. in. Given a total volume of snow removed per vehicle of 432,724 cu. In., or 109,479,046 cu. In. for all 253 SNPs. Snow weighs approximately 0.731 lbs. per cu. In., giving Anchorage 80,029,182 lb. of snow to remove.

In Juneau, 999 inches of snow fell, maybe more, but the counter only has three digits. By our estimates, Juneau's 81 school nutrition professionals, who also exclusively drive Camries, brushed 129,065,805 lbs. of snow from their vehicles to make it to school.

In Fairbanks, snow and ice combined to unleash a snowpocalypse like never before seen. 471 inches of the snowy-icy concoction, weighing 2.3102 lbs. per cu. In. hit 147 school nutrition professionals in Alaska's interior. School nutrition professionals in Alaska's interior had recently swapped their Subarus for Camries in hopes that the math would be easier. This resulted in 751,245 cu. In. per Camry or 1,735,526 lbs each giving a total of 255,122,351 lbs. removed from vehicles in service of School Nutrition. GO FAIRBANKS!

AKSNA Executive Board Photo – January 2022

The Executive Board met in Juneau during the first weekend of January and took this photo.



From left to right

Back row: Shoovlyn White, Seymour Snopak, Anita Scaypour, a Giraffe for size comparison, Betty Slippsnow

Front row: Issah Phreezan, Itza Rhodes-Block, Candi Issit, Frissa Bunzoff, Sno Rah Morse, Terri Bulwether

Congress Refuses to Take Permanent Action, a message from your PP&L Chair

Itza Rhodes-Block



Congress last month announced that it would allow waivers permitting Frosty the Overgrown Snowman to continue to receive nutritious school meals. Frosty, who cannot move on account of being an overgrown snowman, cannot participate in congregate feeding.

“When waivers allowing for non-congregate feeding expire this summer, Frosty must find a way to enter his local school,” said USDA Undersecretary Naughtotta Hart. “And frankly, we all knew these waivers were going to be temporary. Let’s face it, we’re not even seriously looking for a permanent solution here. We just kind of hoped Congress would pass another round of funding for temporary solutions like more waivers. We’ve spent two years looking at a lot of really good, permanent long-term solutions that we’ve received from SNA as well as hundreds of SFAs and other stakeholders. But we really have to ask ourselves, ‘If we permanently solve these problems, can we still use schoolchildren like Frosty as political pawns to manipulate voters?’ and if the answer is no, it just isn’t the right solution.”

Alaska’s Senator Ben Dover echoed these sentiments saying, “Voters need confidence that we can solve problems for constituents just like Frosty. But hey, if we permanently solve Frosty’s problem, then there is no longer a problem to solve, and if there is no problem to solve, no voter confidence that we can solve it. I am going to be here to fix Fosty’s problems today, tomorrow, and every day in the future.” Dover has cosponsored SB333 which includes language to create a more complicated and temporary waiver to save Frosty as part of the Barely Solutions Omnibus Budget Package or “B.S. Omnibus Budget.”

Apology from the Treasurer / FrostCoin Crypto Scandal Update

Dear Friends and Fellow AKSNA Members,

It is with deepest regrets that I inform you that we lost almost all of our 2,431,441 FrostCoin, or pretty much everything that was in our Wells Fargo account before I transferred it all to this new and upcoming cryptocurrency.

First of all, who would have thought that cryptocurrency was so volatile? Well, my attorney says I should have known, but I’m not confident that many people know that. Also, the currency has been established for two months, which is a really long time for cryptocurrencies.

Second, FrostCoin was different, the value was based on annual snowfall in Alaska. As anyone who passed ECON 055 in college knows, supply and demand determine prices, so when supply increases, it pushes pices lower. I told my attorney it was just bad luck that we got so much snow this year, but he said that my economics education was “sub-par” and that, as an example, most college students start in ECON 101 or 201. Again, I don’t know if I trust that, a lot of folks from my High School senior year Pre-Algebra class were in that ECON 055 class.

Well, anywho, I’m sorry for what my attorney is calling a terrible and unforgivable mistake. However, the good news is that I think I found a way to make it up to you all. I was able to withdraw the FrostCoin while it was still worth \$4.35, after paying the \$1.85 transction fee, I had exactly enough money to buy a Nenana Ice Classic ticket. I placed our bet for 31 April 2022 at 3:21 p.m. The clerk at the store assured me this was most definitely a unique pick, so I’m sure we’re going to get more than double our money in return!

Issa Phreezan
(now former) Treasurer

State Agency Updates

Due to extreme snowfall, Sno Rah Morse delivered her update via telephone. An automated computer program attempted to convert Sno’s message, but due to extreme snowfall and density in Juneau, some of the words were difficult to interpret. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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