# ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

## Who we are...

- We represent over 8,000 state (GGU) and municipal (FNSB and City of Sitka) public employees
- We are the largest state public employee union in Alaska
- We are an affiliate of the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
- Our international union, AFSCME, represents over 1.6 million American public service workers
- We are Alaskans working for Alaska
- We get the job done!

## Our priorities...

Public Employees put their lives on hold during the 7.1 earthquake in Southcentral AK on Nov 30, 2018



A number of public employees put their lives on hold. Not just on that day but within the following days to make sure the roads were put together." ASEA DOT&PF Member

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- To have a strong, sustainable budget that provides important, uninterrupted critical public services that keep our communities and state safe and healthy (No More Cuts!)
- To keep Alaska jobs in Alaska for Alaskans, by Alaskans (Support AK Hire; No Outsourcing, No Privatization!)
- To return to a defined benefit plan for all State Employees
- To have the state honor the contracts they signed last year

# Together, we make Alaska happen!



### Correcting bad information

#### Personnel Costs

Most of the compensation increases for state employees come from Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) and Merit Increases....

A Mid-Career General Government Employee who has been with the state for 15-years will see wages grow a staggering 54.4% in excess of inflation.

Alaska is unique in not capping state employee pay but any changes to the State's system of employee compensation would require **statutory** action to reign in these

#### costs...

Considering that personnel costs comprise almost 22% of the operating budget, it is anticipated that **labor costs will be a heavy user** of the state's limited general fund resources on an ongoing basis.



I serve my community by connecting crime victims to agencies and resources that can help them and their families through difficult times.

Law Office Assistant - DOL

## Actually:

- COLAs are 3% behind CPI since 2006
- Federal Government employees make \$25k more on average than state employees
- Municipal and local government employees make on average \$5k more than state employees
   Source: Quarterly Census of Employment Wages, December, 2017

## Legislation:

- *HB 79* Peace
  Officer/Firefighter Retire
  Benefits by Rep. Kopp
- HB 86 Mental Health Hospital: Contracts/Bids by Rep. Fields
- HB 183 Alaska
  Psychiatric Institute by
  Rep. Fields
- HB 187 Restrict Out-Of-State Correctional Facil. by Rep Fields