

# Bilingual-Bicultural Education Best Means for Minorities

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bilingual-bicultural education is currently the best means of educating large numbers of minority children who speak a language other than English, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said in a 141-page report released today.

Titled "A Better Chance to Learn: Bilingual-Bicultural Education," the report examines the principles of bilingual-bicultural programs and contrasts them with the monolingual English school and with other methods of teaching language minority students.

In bilingual-bicultural programs, minority language students are taught subject matter first in their native language while they learn English as a second language.

Subjects are taught totally in English only when the child is no longer handicapped by inability to communicate fully in that language. Such programs also stress the incorporation of the minority child's cultural traditions in the curriculum.

"Without a doubt, it is easier for children to learn in a language they already understand," the Commission said. "Native language instruction capitalizes on children's previous knowledge and maximizes the possibility that children will develop healthy self concepts and positive attitudes toward learning."

The Commission pointed out that it is impossible to apply a blanket rule as to how long bilingual instruction should continue, since different groups are exposed to different amounts

of English, depending upon their numbers and concentration.

"For example, Navajo children who live on the Navajo Reservation and are isolated from English speakers may need 12 years of bilingual-bicultural education," the Commission said. "Steps must be taken immediately to overcome the barriers to education facing language minority students. At stake are futures of a large number of American children."

"Many language minority children are handicapped by poverty and discrimination before they even enter school, and although language is only one obstacle which they face in attempting to complete an education, it is a major one."

"Bilingual-bicultural education can remove much of the burden

from those children and thus put completion of an education within their grasp."

The Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan, factfinding agency concerned with the rights of minorities and women. Chairman Arthur S. Flemming is also Commissioner on Aging of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Other Commissioners are Vice Chairman Stephan Horn, president of California State University, Long Beach; Frankie M. Freeman, an attorney specializing in international law in St. Louis; Manuel Ruiz, an attorney specializing in international law with offices in Los Angeles; Robert S. Rankin, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; and

Murray Saltzman, Rabbi, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis, Indiana. John A. Buggs is Staff Director.

## SHORTAGES . .

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million for the revolving energy loan fund.

Unfortunately, this important legislation is stuck in the Senate Finance Committee after receiving unanimous endorsement by the Senate State Affairs Committee. The legislative session is in its waning days and unless the revolving energy loan fund bills are given an additional push, they stand little chance of passing. The bills deserve your support through a letter or call to your legislator.

## GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PLANNED USE REPORT

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PLANNED EXPENDITURES		
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$ 5,000.00	\$
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$ 10,000.00
4 HEALTH	\$	\$ 14,000.00
5 RECREATION	\$	\$
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$20,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$ 4,500.00
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$ 8,000.00	
10 EDUCATION	\$	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$19,553.00	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	
15 TOTALS	\$52,553.00	\$ 44,500.00

### THE GOVERNMENT OF NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

ANTICIPATING A GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PAYMENT OF \$97,053

FOR THE SIXTH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD, JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976. PLANS TO SPEND THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES SHOWN

✓ ACCOUNT NO. 02 1 036 036

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH  
FINANCE DIRECTOR  
P.O. BOX 546  
BARROW, ALASKA 99723

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(D) Submit proposals for funding consideration by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of this report, and supporting documents, are open for public scrutiny

at North Slope Borough - Accounting Dept.

(E) ASSURANCES (Refer to instruction E) I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the nondiscrimination and other statutory requirements listed in Part E of the instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported herein.

*Eben Hopson*  
Signature of Chief Executive Officer

EBEN HOPSON, Mayor

May 7, 1975

Name & Title — Please Print

Date

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#### (F) AUDIT (refer to instruction F)

1. Are your General Revenue Sharing (GRS) funds audited?

☒ yes ☐ no

2. If "yes", how often?

☒ every year ☐ every 2 years ☐ less than every 2 years

#### (H) CIVIL RIGHTS (refer to instruction H)

1. Does your government file the "EEOC State and Local Government Information" form (EEO-4) with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. If "yes", what was the date of the last report? \_\_\_\_\_

If "no", answer the following question

3. How many persons were on your government's payroll on

March 31, 1975? \_\_\_\_\_

#### (G) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (refer to instruction G) In planning for the use of GRS funds, does your government -

☐ Hold special public hearings on Revenue Sharing?

☐ Take local opinion polls?

☐ Solicit requests for funding of projects using revenue sharing funds from outside your government administration?

☒ Discuss revenue sharing at regular public meetings?

☐ Appoint advisory groups of local citizens?

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✓ Name of Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

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#### (J) PERSON COMPLETING THIS REPORT (PLEASE PRINT)

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