

Sen. Stevens asks REAA food aid

Concerned that three school districts have now discontinued hot lunch programs, Senator Ted Stevens today sent a telegram to Secretary of Agriculture Bergland requesting that additional federal support be furnished to the State.

"Unlike most other federal programs which realize the cost differential between Alaska and the lower 48, the Department of Agriculture does not provide any additional funds to our school districts.

"That means that the federal support may totally cover the cost of a lunch or hot breakfast in Mississippi while it would cover only half the cost in Alaska," Stevens said.

The Bering Straits School District recently joined with Fairbanks and Juneau in discountinuing the federally subsidized program.