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## From the Desk of SENATOR JOHNNY ELLIS



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**November 12, 2010**



**SENATOR  
JOHNNY ELLIS**

### **PROPOSITION B PASSES**

*Education Infrastructure Passed by Legislature,  
Voters*

Friends and Neighbors,

This month, voters agreed by 59% to pass [Proposition B](#), a bond package of \$379.2 million for the construction of educational buildings, creating jobs and building infrastructure across the state. The bond package was the largest in Alaska history to gain voter approval, and was secured at an all-time low interest rate. Further, the bond's interest will be paid through the state of Alaska's general

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fund, and there is no direct impact on property taxes for residents of Alaska.



Most importantly, however, is the impact these projects will have on the state’s economy, growth, and future. [Twelve projects](#) spanning the state will infuse over 6,400 jobs, while creating sustainable jobs in facilities across the state. The new or improved facilities in Fairbanks, Alakunuk, Mat-Su, Kenai, Anchorage, Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, Kodiak, Sitka, Juneau, and Klawock are intended to prevent the “brain drain” of young Alaskans from leaving the state for higher education.

In Anchorage, UAA will begin construction of a new 130,000 ft. sports facility, which includes auxiliary gymnasiums, fitness and training areas, locker rooms, and office space, and would provide a mid-sized seating arena of 5,600. This project alone is expected to generate over 300-350 jobs during a two year construction phase, as approximately \$70 million in total labor income. This facility is expected to be a revenue generator. A conservative estimate of economic impact ranges from \$3.0-5.0 million per year by hosting visitors from outside of Anchorage. The project provides space for health and wellness education, as well as ample room for sporting events relevant to the growing student population and faculty. An interesting note about this building will be an effort to welcome non-profit and community groups with a higher quality option.



*The new UAA Community Facility will work in tandem with the existing Wells Fargo Sports Complex to serve both campus and community needs.*

The University of Fairbanks received the largest portion of the bond, \$88 million, for the renovation and addition to the Life Sciences Classroom and Lab Facilities. Currently, students in this area attend classes in temporary modular buildings located outside the standing structure. The new facility additions will relieve space restrictions and support UAF's Biology and Wildlife Departments.

By investing in our state's educational growth and future, we are investing in Alaska. These projects around the state are sure to be influential on generations of Alaskans.

## **DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Arc of Anchorage**

It's not too late to donate clothing or your used car to The Arc of Anchorage to win free snow removal at your house or a six month membership to the Alaska Club for a family of four. That's a pretty good payoff for donating something you were getting rid of anyway! Throughout November, any donation of cars or big bags of clothing will enter you into the drawing. It's easy to [schedule an appointment](#) and a donation specialist will help accommodate your donation. When cleaning out your closet or garage this winter, think about The Arc of Anchorage! Winners will be drawn on November 30.

**Back to Work Network: Dress 4 Success Career**

### Creation Fair

Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5 pm the [Back to Work Network](#) will be passing out teen girls and women's clothing at the Fairview Community Center, 1121 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., on bus line #13. Please help me spread the word.

### Food Bank of Alaska returns to communities with holiday Neighborhood GIFT

The holiday season is upon us and Neighborhood GIFT is recruiting volunteers for the Food Bank of Alaska at various food distribution sites around Anchorage. Would you consider helping out your friends and neighbors who are hungry this season by donating a few hours of your time? Locations and specific volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.foodbankofalaska.com](http://www.foodbankofalaska.com).

Until next week,



Senator Johnny Ellis



P.S. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, [Best Beginnings](#) will host a reception celebrating the publication of more fun, brain-building activities for early childhood development featuring flash cards written in both Yup'ik and English. You may pick up your free set of cards designed to help young children succeed in school...and in life.

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