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Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Launches Statewide Curriculum

JUNEAU — Underscoring its commitment to educating Alaskans, the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (APFC) has partnered with the Alaska Resource Education (ARE) to create *The Permanent Fund: Alaska's Renewable Revenue*. It's a curriculum with engaging lessons and ready-to-go activity kits for Alaska's educators to teach students about the Permanent Fund: Alaska's Renewable Revenue.

"With an enduring dedication to our Alaskan stakeholders, we are pleased to announce the introduction of our high school curriculum," noted APFC Board Chair Ethan Schutt. "This is a meaningful step forward, building upon the vision and direction of the Board to support our Alaska Youth in learning about the Alaska Permanent Fund."

Lessons and activity kits are designed to familiarize high school students with finances, the Fund's role in the state, and how investors use diversification to ensure stability and maximize returns.

"Our partnership with Alaska Resource Education has resulted in creating educational materials for teachers and students, highlighting an innovative and visionary aspect of Alaska's resource industry - the Alaska Permanent Fund," said Paulyn Swanson, Director of Communications at APFC. "We are pleased to forward this initiative, which includes three games that engage students in learning about how Alaska's non-renewable resource wealth has been transformed into a renewable financial resource for our state."

As part of the official launch in March, APFC is providing ready-to-go activity kits to the first 50 Alaska educators who sign up for the curriculum training.

"ARE has partnered with teachers and school districts across the state to work with students directly to teach Alaska's Renewable Revenue curriculum, noted Beki Toussaint, program director for ARE. "We encourage educators to sign up for the training, get a kit, and utilize this resource in classrooms to support Economics and Alaska Studies lessons. We've taught this curriculum to hundreds of students and have seen first-hand how the games excite students about learning."

There are three upcoming trainings available to educators – please visit https://apfc.org/ak-curriculum/ to register and learn more.

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