

HYDABURG CITY SCHOOL

HYDABURG, ALASKA, PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND 99922

March 7, 2018

Justin Parish
Community and Regional Affairs
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: House Concurrent Resolution No. 19

Dear Mr. Parish:

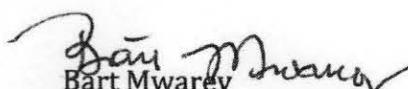
The Hydaburg City School District would like to express its strong support for the Concurrent Resolution No. 19 (HCR 19A). We have embarked on a language preservation effort for about three (3) years now and our efforts, so far, have been pretty positive. We have seen increased interests and participation from young children to adults, in the Haida Language and Culture and need your support in the passage of the Concurrent Resolution No. 19 (HCR 19A). The passage of this resolution will greatly enhance the survival of indigenous languages as well as enriching the larger society by ensuring the perpetuation of cultural diversity within Alaska.

Hydaburg City School District has begun several programs that have been very successful: Haida Language, Haida Art, and Haida Canoe Building. Next year we hope to offer courses on Haida History, Haida Culture and Tribal Government. We believe that these programs will restore and reshape the social and emotional health of our students and the community as a whole.

It is vitally important for all Alaskans to keep our rich Native cultures, heritage, and languages alive. It is this diversity that makes Alaska unique and a very special place to live. We thank you in advance for a favorable response and urge you to support the House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 (HCR 19A).

Sincerely,

Bonnie Morris
Board President
Hydaburg City School District


Bart Mwarey
Superintendent/Principal
Hydaburg City School District