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From: jodi [mailto:jodiwynne@verizon.net]
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To: Sen. Kim Elton
Subject: Support for our school

Dear Senator Elton,

My name is Jodi Scolamiero. My husband David and I have our 1st grade son at Juneau Community Charter School (JCCS) this year and hope to have our 2nd son start there next year.

First, we would like to thank you for all your past support for our wonderful school. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to send our children to a school such as JCCS. Without an option such as JCCS we fear our child would not be thriving as he has this past year. Due to his personality and learning style we have determined that the type of education JCCS offers is best suited for our children in that the school is smaller, therefore giving a more secure atmosphere. With the class size remaining the same as the district average, children are able to experience learning in smaller groups as well as giving a multi-grade class situation where each child can benefit from student mentoring as well as being a student mentor.

Next, I would like to add to the collective voice asking for your further support for the upcoming bill SB 57 giving smaller Charter schools the same funding as larger neighborhood schools. Without this increase in funding we fear our beloved school will not survive more than a couple of more years. The JCCS is a valuable addition to Juneau's wonderful elementary educational system. The school has proven itself academically with students ranking high on standardized testing scores, and also in that there is a high success rate for students transitioning back into the neighborhood school setting.

SB 57 would not only benefit our existing Charter school but give opportunity for more schools such as JCCS to establish and thrive. This would give parents even more choices when choosing what setting would be best for their individual children. In my opinion giving each child the type of education that works best for him or her is in essence ensuring our future as well as theirs.

Thank you so much for your time and support,
Jodi Scolamiero