



The Honorable Hollis French
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 417
Juneau, AK. 99801

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Dear Senator French,

AASB members have long expressed unanimous support for additional state investment in early childhood development programs, including Parents As Teachers. Education leaders know that far too many children enter kindergarten lagging behind in skills necessary to be proficient in reading and math. And far too many of those children never catch up.

AASB believes that initiatives such as Parents As Teachers are essential to raising student achievement in Alaska school children without adding to the cost and size of government. Money invested in our youngest Alaskans is returned many times over again in improved earning power and lower rates of social problems.

I would like to thank you for your efforts on Senate Bill 120 and would encourage the Alaska Legislature to enact and fund this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Carl Rose
Executive Director