

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Senator Donald Olson Representative Benjamin Nageak State Capital Bldg. Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Olson and Representative Nageak,

I am writing in support of both SB 82 and HB 179; companion bills that provide funding to public schools for telecommunications or internet services. As you know, school districts are facing difficult budget decisions. By providing assistance to districts with technology costs, we are able to direct additional dollars to the classroom. In the Fairbanks North Star Borough, we anticipate a savings of approximately \$200,000 as a result of this legislation.

We appreciate support for education.

Respectfully,

Pete Lewis

Superintendent of Schools