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From: Sabrina Binkley <sabrina@sprucetreemontessori.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 10:54 PM
To: Jane Pierson
Cc: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: Support of School Choice Week

Rep. Thompson:

I recently became aware of your support of HCR 2 School Choice Week and wanted to voice my support for an official designation in our state.

This year, our school co-hosted with the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks, the first “Celebrate School Choice Fair” in Fairbanks on Sunday, January 25 to kick off National School Choice Week. Our fair was the first in our community to celebrate all options, with 10 local area schools of all kinds, all levels participating: public-charter, private, and homeschool, including two booths by UAF. Here is an excerpt from the letter I sent to all participating schools:

National School Choice Week is an annual celebration that shines a spotlight on effective education options for all children. Every year thousands of events take place across our nation, bringing positive attention to the importance of high-performing schools. The week is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical celebration featuring all types of educational environments for kids: public, private, charter, online and home school. As America's largest annual celebration of educational opportunity, National School Choice Week illustrates the inclusiveness and diversity of school choice. Choice adds vitality to the educational climate in a community. The week brings awareness to the value of effective options, where traditional public, public charter, public magnet, private secular, private non-secular, online learning programs, and home school programs come together to celebrate choice.

Bringing the educational community of Fairbanks together to celebrate is a testament to the commitment we have all made to build a better Fairbanks, a better Alaska, and a better world.

Thank you for your time today and for your dedication to your school now and in the future.

As Alaskans, we unite around the shared goal of making our future bright and prosperous. The education of our children is an American issue, an Alaskan issue, and a Fairbanks issue — affecting all of us. Let us unite in our support for an educational community that embraces an array of options.

Thank you for your support of the official designation of National School Choice Week.

Warmly,
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To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: RE: HCR2 / SCR3

From: Kristina Johannes [<mailto:AMDG@alaska.net>]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 1:43 PM

To: Sen. Mike Dunleavy

Subject: HCR2 / SCR3

Dear Senator, I support the School Choice Week designation in HCR2 and SCR3.

Thank you.

Kristina Johannes