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From: Dan Carstens <DCarstens@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
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To: Rep. Jennifer Johnston
Cc: Robert Ervine
Subject: HB 224

Representative Johnston,

I am writing to express my support of HB 224. I have been in my role as a principal for 12 years now and have seen both an abundance and a shortage of teachers when we post positions. Currently we are seeing a shortage, especially in the area of special education. There could be many reasons for this, maybe it is because there are not as many people going into education or because the time frame in which we have to post our positions and hire new staff. Whatever the reason is, it is our reality and something we work through every year no matter if we reside on or off the road system.

HB 224 would allow us to rehire teachers who have a desire to get back into the teaching field. These teachers who come back to the profession have the biggest hearts for our kids and provide a genuine and caring learning environment. They are high quality educators and many times continue to reside in the communities where they retired from. In short, they are what's right for kids.

I appreciate you introducing this bill and know that I whole heartedly support your efforts.

Regards,

Dan Carstens

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