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"Only the Educated are Free" --Epictetus

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Alaska State Legislature,

On Tuesday, February 20, Butch and Cindy Moore graciously presented Bree's story to the entire Steller student body. The presentation was impactful, moving, and motivating to our students and staff. We felt that the presentation was very humanizing and necessary considering the statistics in Alaska. Students are engaged in learning more about healthy relationships and the prevention of dating violence now that they can connect the consequences to a real person to which they relate. Students have voiced that they didn't understand what they were previously learning or why the school was covering the topic before the presentation by the Moore's. Students are now asking for more education on the topic and want to continue with the lessons taught last semester because they understand why the material is so important to learn and discuss. The students hope that the Moores present at other schools as well, because they think their story is really important for young people to hear.

The Steller staff and student body would like to support HB214 in its current state to name the education of relating to dating violence and abuse in the Alaska Safe Children's Act as Bree's Law for the following reasons:

- Students' connection to another relatable young person, the name on the bill, establishes an Alaskan story and a connection.
- Students' didn't understand what they were learning or why they were learning it before the presentation by the Moores. The appropriate name will lead to humanizing, and show significance of such a law.

I would also like to publicly thank the Moores for their time and willingness to share their story. We truly appreciate all that they are doing to keep our youth and adults safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Reed Whitmore

Inspiring a community of independent, confident, self-directed learners.