



Delta/Greely School District

Our mission is to inspire students to achieve their personal best.

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

On behalf of the **Delta Greely School District (DGSD)**, I am writing to express our strong support for **House Bill 256**, legislation focused on strengthening educational support for Alaska's military-connected students.

Delta Junction is home to a proud and active military community, and DGSD serves many students whose families are connected to nearby installations and defense operations. These students bring resilience, leadership, and a strong sense of service to our schools, while also experiencing unique challenges such as mobility, deployment-related transitions, and changing educational settings. Supporting their success is both an educational responsibility and a commitment to the families who serve our state and nation.

DGSD is dedicated to creating stable, welcoming learning environments where every student is empowered to “achieve their personal best” and graduate prepared to **Employ, Enroll, or Enlist**. We work closely with families to ensure continuity of learning, responsive student services, and meaningful connections to school and community—priorities that align directly with the intent of House Bill 256.

House Bill 256 would strengthen support for military-connected students statewide by:

- Establishing the **Purple Star School Program in statute**, ensuring a consistent and meaningful recognition system for schools that demonstrate strong commitment to military-connected students and families.
- Creating a **Purple Star funding factor** to provide additional resources for districts demonstrating high levels of service and support, encouraging expanded student supports across Alaska.
- Improving **educational transitions for military students**, including timely access to comparable services such as IEP and Section 504 accommodations upon enrollment, reducing disruption during already challenging transitions.
- Enhancing **statewide coordination and guidance**, ensuring districts have clear points of contact and effective support structures for implementation.

This legislation reflects Alaska's deep respect for military families and provides a thoughtful, student-centered approach to improving stability, opportunity, and long-term success for military-connected learners. DGSD believes House Bill 256 will positively impact students, families, schools, and communities across our state.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support for **House Bill 256**.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Alaska's students and public education system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'L'.

Michael Lee
Superintendent
Delta Greely School District