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RE: SB 99 Financial Literacy Curriculum

Alaska Legislators,

I am writing in support of SB99, an act establishing financial literacy education courses in Alaskan public schools. Students need financial literacy to be college and career ready and Alaska is falling behind many other states in requiring personal finance education prior to high school graduation. We are hoping for your support and leadership in supporting this act to require all high school students to have access to personal finance education prior to graduation.

I have been in the field of education for 20 years, 15 years as a teacher of 4th-6th grades and 5 years as an administrator within the Anchorage School District. As an educator, I worked closely with the Junior Achievement program of Alaska and had my students participate in two Junior Achievement programs each year. Firsthand, I witnessed students developing their knowledge and skills needed to own their economic success and plan for their future. The personal finance lessons inspired and prepared the young people I taught to learn strategies to succeed in a global economy.

Your constituents are counting on your leadership. Please guarantee access to Financial Literacy in all Alaskan high schools to ensure all of our students are productive members of our communities.

Please support SB99!

Thank you!

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