



Anchorage School District

Education Center

5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. • Anchorage, AK 99504 • 907-742-4000 • www.asdk12.org

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Representative Harriet Drummond
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol Room 108
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Drummond,

As the Superintendent of Anchorage School District (ASD), I am writing in support of the passage of HB 214. Passage of this legislation would rename the “Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Education” portion of *The Alaska Safe Children’s Act* to “Bree’s Law.” Because of the *Act*, 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.

Bree Moore, a graduate of our District and for whom the *Act* was named, suffered abuse and was killed by her dating partner. By including her name in the *Act*, students will more readily identify with her circumstances, and we believe, be more likely to seek shelter from abusive relationships.

ASD thinks that naming Bree’s Law formally in statute is an intricate part of communicating the value of healthy relationships to our youth and we support HB-214 in its current form. I want to thank you for the opportunity to share my support for your work.

Respectfully,

Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Educating All Students for Success in Life

Anchorage School Board Tam Agosti-Gisler, President

Starr Marsett, Vice President

Kathleen Plunkett, Clerk

Elisa Snelling, Treasurer

Bettye Davis

Dave Donley

Andy Holleman

Superintendent Dr. Deena Bishop