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To: House Finance Committee and Senator Click Bishop

Re: Support SB78, creating the education endowment fund and dividend raffle fund

Dear Senator Click Bishop,

On behalf of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District, this message is to express support for SB78, an Act creating the education endowment fund and the dividend raffle fund.

The Yukon-Koyukuk School District provides public education for ten villages located along the Yukon, Koyukuk, and Tanana river systems, and encompasses 65,000 square miles. More than 98% of the district's students are Alaska Native of Athabascan heritage. Our district also sponsors a statewide correspondence program called Raven Homeschool, which serves over 1,500 students across the state.

The Second Regular Session of the Thirtieth Alaska Legislature has made laudable efforts to provide early and predictable funding measures for public education. Please know that we appreciate all of your efforts in this regard.

SB78 provides a mechanism to allow Alaska residents to use a portion of their own Permanent Fund Dividend to assist the state with funding for education. This seems altogether simple and reasonable.

Please pass SB78 and provide individual Alaskans the option to choose to use a portion of their PFD to help fund education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerry Boyd".

Kerry Boyd
Superintendent

The mission of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District, in active partnership with its families and communities, is to provide our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become contributing members of their families, communities and society.