

Dr. Lisa Skiles Parady became the Executive Director of the Alaska Council of School Administrators in 2014 and has brought her energy and passion to the position. The Mission of ACSA is: Leadership, Unity and Advocacy for Public Education. ACSA was created to serve as the umbrella organization for Alaska's school administrators forty-five years ago. Dr. Parady has stated, "We need unity across education and with our communities to face the challenges ahead for public education. As an organization, our job is to create understanding and to fulfill the dream we all share, of public education as the great equalizer in a democratic society, where every student has the chance to make the most of themselves." She was recruited for the position after six years in Utqiagvik (formerly known as Barrow) as the Acting Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent of the North Slope Borough School District. She led the district's curriculum and evaluation processes and dealt with the many issues that confront rural districts – educator recruitment and retention, engaging students with curriculum that matters to them, and the day-to-day challenges of school and district administration. Before moving to Alaska, she served as Chief of Staff in the Wyoming Department of Education, as Director of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, and as Senior Policy Analyst in the Governor's office responsible for all K-12 education, higher education, health and social service issues, was an adjunct professor and was managing partner in a general law practice. Dr. Parady holds a Juris Doctorate and a Doctorate in Education Leadership and Administration. She is married and has four daughters, two granddaughters and two Labradors.