



Anchorage School District

Education Center

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Dear Members of the 31st Alaska Legislature:

As a follow-up to invited testimony on May 8, I am writing to express support for House Bill 109, which is titled, "An Act relating to residence requirements for public school enrollment for children of active duty military and National Guard members." The Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage School District are honored to serve the families and children of our military. Currently, JBER, its functions, and its people play a major role in who we are as a community and state.

Your bill, simply stated, not only allows but ensures that a school district considers students as resident of the district and offers the ability to admit them into school when their parents or guardians are serving as active duty members of the armed forces of the United States. This act is the least we can do for our highly valued men and women of our military and their families.

Our goal in ASD is to transition young people of our military families effectively, efficiently, and as easily as possible. We desire to make our military families' station in Alaska the best it can be. This includes education. HB 109 offers piece of mind to our military families as they move to our state and have school-aged children. It also allows school districts to plan for their arrival by planning for courses and classes that will be ready and waiting for them.

You have Anchorage School District's full support and appreciation for HB 109. Please let me know if you have questions.

Respectfully,

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