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The Honorable Alan Dick
Chair, House Education Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol, Room 104
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet jointly with the House and Senate Education Committees yesterday while the State Board of Education and Early Development held their quarterly meeting in Juneau. Hopefully Chair Dick, you will have a chance to meet with the board at another time.

In March 2010 the State Board of Education and Early Development passed a resolution supporting the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and the opportunities that it will provide for Alaskan students (see attached). The board still supports the resolution as well as the APS. The board is also committed to implementation of the APS through the regulatory process.

There are many students across the state that will graduate in the next couple of months who have been working hard towards achieving the APS and, in fact, have been counting on the APS opportunities. The board would like to emphasize its support of those students, parents and teachers who have been working so diligently towards their goal.

The Board is committed to working with Department of Education and Early Development staff, school districts, superintendents, teachers, home school families and all others to deliver the rigorous curriculum.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with me about the board's support of the APS,

House Education Committee Letter
Chair Esther Cox
March 19, 2011

please contact me directly at esthercox@alaskalife.net. I welcome an open dialogue on our support of APS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther J. Cox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Esther Cox
Chair
State Board of Education and Early Development

Attachment