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Representative Shelley Hughes
State Capitol Room 409
Juneau AK, 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hughes:

The Anchorage School District appreciates the opportunity to comment on HB 138. The District strongly supports language which would move the notice of non-retention of tenured employees from March 16th to May 15th.

The District develops a balanced budget every year by matching staffing levels and expenditures to projected revenues. Projected revenues are developed based on highly likely revenues which typically include the state K-12 education foundation formula. The district has not built its budget on what might be forthcoming from the Legislative process that typically concludes in April. As a result, the district has had to issue notices of non-retention in March based on early revenue projections only to rescind them in May based on the incremental funding that finally emerges from the Legislative process.

The District believes that employees are better served by limiting notice of non-retention to those employees who are highly likely to not be retained – a determination made much more certain after revenues from the Legislative process can be reliably taken into account by the middle of May.

Sincerely,

Jim Browder, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools