



March 19, 2013

Office of Senator Fred Dyson
12641 Old Glenn Hwy, Suite 201
Eagle River, AK 99577

Re: Senate Bill 41

Senator Dyson,

Thank you for your sponsorship of Senate Bill 41. As the Administrator of a religious private school, this bill would be very beneficial to our school community. We currently participate in 1A/2A sporting events. We believe that sports bring another aspect to the important role of character development. The purpose of our program is to teach life skills that are needed to be successful. These skills include dedication, dependability, a commitment to team, selflessness, putting forth effort, learning to communicate well and handling both joy and disappointments with grace and dignity.

Our school community is closely connected with the many other alternative education programs. Many our families have students that are in both our school and/or an alternative school. Giving all these students the ability to participate in our sports program would be a benefit to both the school and the student.

As a small school we at times struggle with the numbers needed to produce a competitive team as well as a healthy sports program. I believe this bill would allow more students to experience the benefits and learn the life skills needed to become productive members of our society.

I appreciate the work you have done on this and your willingness to sponsor Senate Bill 41. Thank you again and I look forward to hearing about how the bill progresses in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Becky Stringer
WLCS Administrator