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*Affiliated with the National Education Association*

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Alaska's 13,000 education support professionals and teachers, I am writing in support of HB 180, establishing June 8<sup>th</sup> as Children's Day in Alaska.

As teachers, counselors, custodians, secretaries, classroom aides, special education paraprofessionals, nurses, and more, we work in Alaska's public schools every day because we are deeply committed to the success of every student. The most rewarding part of our work is fostering the creativity, imagination, and curiosity that unlocks the potential of every child.

Working in education is a calling – a conscious decision to put Alaska's children first. For us, sometimes it feels as if every day is Children's Day. But designating June 8<sup>th</sup> will give all Alaskans a day to reflect with our families and celebrate Alaska's most precious resource.

Sincerely,

Ron Fuhrer  
President