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The Honorable Mike Dunleavy  
Chair, Education Finance Subcommittee  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 11  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Chair Dunleavy:

I am writing to follow up on questions addressed to the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (Commission) by members of the Senate Education Finance Subcommittee at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to answer the committee's questions more substantially. I hope the following information is helpful.

The committee inquired about the Commission's Dimond Center office. The Commission's current lease with the Dimond Center provides for occupancy through May 31, 2019, at a cost of approximately \$1.23 per square foot (subject to Consumer Price Index adjustments). This price was very competitive at the time of lease negotiation and remains well below the current market rate for both storefront and more traditional office space in Anchorage. Unfortunately, the Dimond Center has indicated there will not be an option to remain in the space after the expiration of the lease. In seeking replacement space, while the Commission would certainly prefer a storefront location, the driving factor on whether that will be an option will be price.

Relative to Senator Hughes' question on remediation among Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) students, I have enclosed a copy of the 2011-2016 summary of APS outcomes. As noted on page six of this report, APS students at the University of Alaska require substantially less remediation than non-APS recipients.

I hope this information is responsive to the committee's request. Please feel free to contract me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephanie Butler".

Stephanie Butler  
Executive Director

Enclosures