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RE: Letter of Support for SB 216

The Mat-Su Borough School District supports the additional flexibility Senate Bill 216 provides to school districts.

With fluctuating student enrollment trends across the State, it is important that school districts have a responsive funding formula. The phased-in, hold harmless provision offered under SB 216 will benefit school systems by allowing districts to realize long-term efficiencies over time.

As the fastest growing school district in the State, the Mat-Su Borough School District does not anticipate needing to consolidate school programs any time soon. However, given the funding constraints our State and local governments are experiencing, it is important that schools are afforded as much flexibility as possible through responsive funding policies.

The Mat-Su Borough School District appreciates the forethought that went into drafting Senate Bill 216 and supports the added flexibility this bill provides in the State's existing funding formula.

Sincerely,

Dr. Monica Goyette,  
MSBSD Superintendent