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The Honorable Sara Rasmussen
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capital Building
Juneau, Alaska

In Re: Support for House Bill 75, funding for Internet services

Dear Representative Rasmussen:

On behalf of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District, I would like to express our support for HB75, relating to funding for Internet services for school services. Access to broadband service is essential for our students and teachers and helps to improve their opportunities.

Our school district has found the Broadband Assistance Grant (BAG) program helpful to build broadband capacity through the E-rate program. Combining these two programs together helps leverage the federal E-rate funds in order to expand bandwidth.

With the passage of House Bill 75, the minimum requirement of megabits per second (Mbps) will be increased from 10Mbps to 25Mbps. Increasing the broadband speed for schools opens up more access to instructional activities and educational materials that help our students face modern challenges and opportunities.

It is important HB75 pass this session. Each year we delay the opportunity for districts to upgrade their broadband service is simply slowing down the chance for school districts to meet the ongoing demands of students and teachers to access a growing technological world.

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for HB75, with best wishes for successfully wrapping up the First Regular Session.

Sincerely,

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent
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