

Senators,

Stan has been involved with Alaskan education since he came to the state in 1978 to teach in Kotlik. He retired as a Superintendent in Nome. More recently, he served as Board chair for the Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children.

Amy has made her career in K-12 school business since coming to the state in 1993.

While in Nome, we were proud to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the state, to support young readers. Through our professional lives, our understanding of the importance of Pre-K has strengthened over time. While some children have terrific support at home, others do not, and the deficits are striking.

SB8 has been carefully crafted by a broad review of research. It has the support of educators and parents throughout our state. The comprehensive approach to supporting reading from Pre-K through the elementary years is very much needed to support our students.

We urge you to support SB8. Thank you for your service to our state.

Amy and Stan Lujan
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