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January 24, 2022

Representative Ken McCarty
House Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Supports HB 108

Dear Representative McCarty,

Thank you for presenting HB 108 as it is an effort to increase vocational learning opportunities toward real workforce readiness for Alaskan students. We welcome and support HB108.

Vocational learning experience provides a successful and effective avenue for advanced entry into the workforce. The concurrent learning process of students in secondary education, whether toward college or trade certification, avails greater application of curriculum and sooner opportunities for our students in the workforce. HB 108 also encourages collaborative efforts in our community, as master-level professionals are able to instruct our students toward respected industry standard certifications.

We have witnessed a decline in the workforce in our community. We are encouraged by the efforts of HB 108 to inspire students, avail career opportunities earlier in our student's life, assure a stronger workforce, and secure fiscally stable residents within our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thérèse Ashton".

Thérèse Ashton
Superintendent
Copper River School District