

Sarah Evans

From: Rebecca Paul <rkpaul48@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6:50 PM
To: Rep. Maxine Dibert
Subject: Support of bill for retirees/contract

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Yes!

Let's do all that we can to support the proposed bill for retirees to hold their lifetime certificate at no cost and able to work for up to 165 days/year.

As a retiree who has been called back in to the Kenai School District, I know first hand how valuable this would be for every district in the state.

Thanks !

Rebecca Paul
Homer

Sarah Evans

From: Barbara Stek <bwstekak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6:14 PM
To: Rep. Maxine Dibert
Cc: Sarah Evans
Subject: HB 147

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

i am a retired Alaska teacher with a permanent substitute teaching certificate currently working in the Anchorage School District. I appreciate the fact that you want to give some kudos to teachers and encourage their continued involvement. The fact that you are asking for it to be free will likely cause some concern, but you might mention that during the years of our work, we have paid for many regular certificates in addition to extensive coursework. Extending the number of days that one could work is also an excellent idea. thanks for introducing this bill!!

Barbara Stek

Sent from my iPad

Sarah Evans

From: Tim Parker <tparkerak@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Rep. Maxine Dibert
Cc: Sarah Evans
Subject: HB 147

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Rep. Dibert,

Thank you for proposing this smart, forward-thinking piece of legislation. Alaska schools have suffered from a severe teacher shortage for years. Removing the barriers to being able to use retired teachers as substitutes makes great sense, both from a business standpoint and also a "student-learning" standpoint.

Alaska's school districts must increase their recruitment spending every year, even when there are good substitute teachers who already live in their communities. If retired teachers were brought into the system seamlessly, then the pool of workers would increase.

For students, the goal is simple: maximize the amount of learning that happens in every classroom every day. That's what students want, what parents want, what educators want, and what communities want. This is a win-win-win-win situation.

I completely support HB 147, and I hope that it passes this year.

Sincerely,

Tim Parker
Fairbanks retired teacher

Sarah Evans

From: Rebecca Zaverl <rebecca.zaverl@k12northstar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:28 PM
To: Rep. Maxine Dibert; Sarah Evans
Subject: HB 147

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of HB 147 "An Act relating to teacher certificates for retired teachers". I was born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska and am a 4th generation Alaskan Teacher. My Great grandmother was a teacher in Flat Alaska, My grandmother taught at Denali Elementary when it opened in 1953, my mother taught at Joy and Weller Elementary and I have been lucky to teach at Artic Light and Denali Elementary since 1999. I am now the proud principal of Denali Elementary. Over the last two years since I have been principal the day to day operations of the school have been extremely hard due to lack of subs. Luckily for us (and me) we have 4 retired teachers from Denali who love our students, family and staff enough to come back and sub for our school. Allowing teachers to hold a lifetime teaching license without the worry of having to pay to renew it will give them what they deserve: the recognition and appreciation for a career where they spent years helping the kids in our community. This also frees them to be available to the schools who need them.

Please help us, in this small way, say thank you to our retired teachers and in the same vain encourage them to keep helping us do what we do everyday: create future Alaskans who care about and will take care of our communities.

Sincerely,
Becky Zaverl
Denali Principal

--

Becky Zaverl

Denali Elementary Principal