

Dist. I

Ed. Assoc.

LAW OFFICES
JOE P. JOSEPHSON, INC.,
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
1526 F STREET
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

(907) 272-8531

February 16, 1976

OF COUNSEL
ROBERT M. GOLDBERG, ESQ.

GEORGE KAUFMANN, ESQ.
(D. C. BAR ONLY)

The Honorable Frank Ferguson
Alaska State Senate
Juneau, Alaska

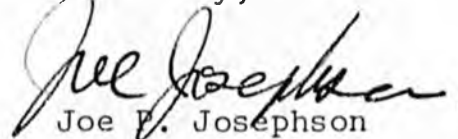
Dear Frank:

I understand that you spoke with John Cooper and George White about the DOEA law suit. I am enclosing a copy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order in the earlier DOEA case which was won by Alaska Unorganized Borough School District, which I represent. It has always been the position of the district that negotiations are the responsibility of the respective regional education attendance areas established under Chapter 124 SLA 1975. We believe that for the district to enter into negotiations with DOEA for the 1976-1977 school year would be in conflict with the legislature's desire to achieve local self-determination. In fact, as you know, the legislature specifically allowed any regional education attendance area to negotiate separately from other attendance areas, so there may even be more than one bargaining agreement in what is now the unorganized borough school district.

I also enclose the most recent complaint filed by DOEA. At least some of the claims in the new case are exactly those which Judge Ripley has already rejected, in my judgment.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,


Joe P. Josephson

Enclosures