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April 9, 1987

TO: Senator Paul Fischer and Members of the Senate HESS Committee

FROM: Jean Krause, President, NEA-Alaska

RE: Senate Resolution 15

NEA-Alaska is glad to see Senate Resolution 15 and appreciates Senator Faiks efforts to ensure that Alaska school superintendents are fully qualified professionals. We support SR 15 and encourage its speedy adoption by the Senate.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the State Board of Education's latest promulgated regulation regarding certification of superintendents that will be acted upon at their April meeting. I say *latest* because the issue began last November with a request by the Anchorage School District for a regulation that would allow the SBOE to waive the certification requirement for superintendents. That request evolved into a promulgated regulation that would allow superintendent certification to be based on three years administrative experience (in anything) and/or a Masters Degree (in any field) and a job offer by a school district that had 10,000 or greater ADM. On a 4 to 3 vote that motion failed. This proposal is the misbegotten offspring of that effort.

If the SBOE adopts this or a similar regulation the standards to be met by a superintendent candidate will be significantly eroded. All that will be required is that the candidate have a Bachelors Degree (in something), have a job offer from a school board, and a SBOE waiver. In our view such an action runs directly contrary to state and national efforts to strengthen the professional preparation of those who would work in our public schools.

The entire community of professional educators rallied in opposition to the regulation that failed in January. Teachers, principals and superintendents individually and through their organizations offered written and oral testimony explaining the reasons it is important to have a superintendent who has completed an approved program in education and educational administration, and has been a teacher for some defined period of time (i.e. meets the current requirements for a superintendent certificate). Our concerns about superintendents who lack professional training, experience and perspective seems not to matter to some members of the SBOE, nor did it matter to them that SR 15 had been introduced since it had not been passed by the Senate.

We urge your support for this Resolution.

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March 25, 1987

MEMORANDUM NUMBER 87-18

TO: All concerned with the regulations of the Department of Education

FROM: *[Signature]* Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Certification requirements for superintendents and establishing funding communities and attendance centers.

Attached is a Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Department of Education, and material being proposed as regulation. The department will look forward with interest to your comments relevant to these proposals. Additional copies of the proposed regulations are available from the Office of the Commissioner, Department of Education, P.O. Box F, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

Written responses must be received prior to April 27, 1987, and should be sent to the Commissioner of Education, P.O. Box F, Juneau, Alaska 99811. At any regularly scheduled meeting following that date, the State Board of Education may adopt these or other proposals dealing with the same subject matter without further notice or may decide to take no action on them.

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Staff, Administrative Regulation Review Committee
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Attachments: Notice of Proposed Changes
Proposed Regulations

4 AAC 12.030 is amended by adding a new section to read:

(e) Upon written request of a district school board, an administrative certificate may be issued to an applicant who does not meet all of the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section if

(1) the applicant has at least a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; and

(2) the applicant has been offered employment as the chief school administrator of that district; and

(3) the State Board of Education, for good cause shown, determines that the applicant is qualified for the position.

4 AAC 12.030 is amended by adding a new section to read:

(f) a certificate issued under (e) of this section expires when the holder does not accept or ceases employment as the chief school administrator of the district requesting issuance of the certificate.

4 AAC 12.080(e) is amended to read:

(e) A person employed as a chief school administrator must possess, or be eligible to possess, an administrative certificate issued under 4 AAC 12.030, with an endorsement as superintendent issued under 4 AAC 12.060, except that the endorsement is not required if the person's administrative certificate is issued under 4 AAC 12.030(e).

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Senate

March 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Paul Fischer, Chairman
Senate Health, Education and Social Services
Committee

FROM: Senator Jan Faiks
President of the Senate

SUBJECT: Background on Senate Resolution 15
Relating to the qualification requirements for
school superintendents

Senate Resolution 15 has been referred to your committee for consideration.

The purpose of this resolution is to express the Senate's opposition to any change in the current qualification and experience requirements for Alaska school superintendents, and to express support for the existing standards which require a school superintendent to have classroom teaching experience.

I would appreciate the committee's consideration of this legislation at its earliest convenience. Should you need any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you.

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Title: qualification requirements
for school superintendents.

BRU: _____

Sponsor: Senator Faiks

Components : _____

Requestor: Senate HESS

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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