

BOARD

OF ED.

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STOWELL R. JOHNSTONE
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March 10, 1993

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1960/89 Graduate courses at several colleges including
Columbia, U of A Anchorage, Alaska
Methodist/Pacific University and the University
of Idaho

1960 M.A., Education/Administration, University
of Idaho

1953 Graduate, University of Idaho

1949 Homedale, Idaho, elementary/secondary schools

MILITARY

1963 - 1966 Pilot, U.S.A.F

1956 - 1966 Instructor, Air Force Reserve Unit, Moscow,
Idaho

1966 - 1983 U.S.A.F. Reserve Liaison Officer Commander
for Alaska to the Air Force Academy

1983 - Colonel, U.S.A.F. Retired

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1982 - President and owner of Stowell and Associates

1965 - 1985 Instructor (part-time), University of Alaska,
Anchorage, and Anchorage Community College
(Education Administration, English, Aerospace,
Economics)

1981 - 1982 Assistant Deputy Superintendent, Educational
Planning, Anchorage School District

1978 - 1981 Assistant Deputy Superintendent, Secondary
School Management, Anchorage School District

1971 - 1978 Director of Secondary Education, Anchorage
School District

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1970 - 1971 Director of Audio-Visual Services, Library Processing, and Television Production, Anchorage School District

1967 - 1970 Principal, West Anchorage High School, Anchorage School District

1964 - 1967 Principal, Moscow High School, Idaho

1962 - 1964 Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, Moscow School District

1961 - 1962 Director of Secondary Curriculum, Moscow School District

1959 - 1961 Principal, Moscow Junior High

1958 - 1959 Acting Principal, Moscow Middle School (grades 4-8)

1967 - 1966 Teacher and Director of Driver Education, Moscow School District #281

1956 - 1960 Teacher, Moscow High School (English, Drama, Speech and Debate)

1963 - 1967 (part-time) Supervisor of plant, grounds, and maintenance personnel, Moscow School District

1958 - 1960 (Summers) Instructor, University of Idaho (English and Drama)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1991 - 1994 President, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

1983 - Secretary, Alaska Committee Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

1978 - 1982 President, Commission on Schools of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

1977 - 1985 Trustee, Alaska Council on Economic Education

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- 1960 - 1982 Member, American Association of School Administrators
- 1973 - 1978 Chairman, Alaska Committee of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
- 1973 - 1978 President, Alaska Council of School Administrators
- 1971 - 1975 President, Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals
- 1968 - 1970 President, Alaska Interscholastic Activities Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1988 - 1989 Vice President, Alaska March of Dimes Board
- 1979 - 1982 Member, Executive Board of Directors, Alaskan of the Year Committee
- 1979 - 1985 Vice President and Member, Alaska Repertory Theatre Statewide Board
- 1966 - 1986 Executive Committee, Junior Achievement of Alaska
- 1969 - 1983 Chairman, Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission

AWARDS

- 1980 Anchorage Executive of the Year Award
- 1980 Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals' Distinguished Service Award
- 1979 Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Alaska
- 1966 Outstanding Young Men of America Award and Distinguished Service Award, Moscow, Idaho

Robert Gottstein

EDUCATION

- 1960-1973 ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT WEST HIGH GRADUATION
- 1973-1975 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
BUSINESS MAJOR
- 1975-1977 DUKE UNIVERSITY
BA DEGREE DOUBLE MAJOR: BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1977-1982 CARRS QUALITY CENTERS & J.B. GOTTSTEIN & CO
CARRS STOCK CLERK, GROCERY MANAGER, NIGHT MANAGER, ASSISTANT MANAGER,
AND STORE MANAGER. J.B. GOTTSTEIN FOOD BUYER AND SALESMAN(VISITED OVER
FIFTY ALASKAN VILLAGES).
- 1982-1990 CARR-GOTTSTEIN PROPERTIES
RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER LEASING AGENT, SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF RETAIL DEVELOPMENT
- 1990-1994 IDITAROD PROPERTIES INC. PRESIDENT AND OWNER
ALASKA RAILROAD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
4TH AVE THEATER BUILDING

CURRENT CIVIC COMMITMENTS

- ANCHORAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- WINNING WITH STRONGER EDUCATION(WISE) PROJECT CHAIR
- COOK INLET REGION INC. FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER
- UNITED WAY BOARD MEMBER
- THE ALASKA NATIVE COLLEGE, TRUSTEE
- PUBLIC BROADCASTING ENDOWMENT TRUST, CHAIR
- ALASKA ACADEMIC DECATHLON BOARD MEMBER

PAST CIVIC COMMITMENTS

- BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU BOARD MEMBER
- AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ANCHORAGE UNIT BOARD MEMBER
- COOK INLET NATIVE ASSOCIATION PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN
- UAA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS DEANS EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN

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Personal

Married: Spouse - Maggie E. Williams
Children: Ted -17; Sheila -15; Shawna - 13; Mike, Jr. - 10;
Timatheen - 7;
Race: Yup'ik Eskimo 4/4 full blood
Health: Excellent

Education

High School: Chemawa High School, Salem Oregon graduated 1972, Student
Body President
College: Kuskokwim Community College - 2 years Behavioral Science
Military: U.S. Army (Retired) Korea

Employment

YKHC Mental Health Counselor
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Boards and Commissions (Task Force) Experience

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Resolution Now
2120 Cushman, Suite 202
Fairbanks, Alaska
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EDUCATION

*Resolution Now -
Conflict Resolution
Meeting Facilitation*

1973-1991

NEA - Professional Staff

- Seminars, Workshops
- Racism, NEA
- Leadership Development, NEA
- Organizational Systems, NEA
- Organizing, NEA
- Advocacy, NEA
- Bargaining Behavior, NEA
- Strategic Planning, NEA
- Crisis Intervention, NEA
- Arbitration and Advocacy, NEA
- Working with Volunteers, NEA
- Women's Leadership Training, NEA
- Arbitration, American Arbitration Association
- Discipline and Arbitration, American Arbitration Association

- 1969 Graduate classes in Education, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- 1968 Internship, School Psychology, Wayzata Public Schools, Wayzata, Minnesota
- 1967 Education Specialist, School Psychology, University of Minnesota
- 1965 Masters, Child Development, University of Minnesota
- 1962 Bachelor of Science, Psychology, University of Chicago
- 1958 High School Graduation, Wausau, Minnesota

*including
priority:*



AWARDS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 1994 Chair, Fairbanks North Star Borough Library Commission
- 1994 President, Interior Alaska Women's Political Caucus
- 1993-94 Volunteer, Student Action Group, Lathrop High School
- 1993 Moderator and Presenter at 2nd Annual Student Earth Summit
- 1993 Vice Chair, District 33 Democratic Party
- 1993 Member, State Central Committee of Alaska Democratic Party
- 1993 - 95 Member, Fairbanks North Star Borough Library Commission
- 1993 & 92 Loaned Executive, United Way Campaign
- 1992 Hall of Fame, NEA-Alaska Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Organization
- 1992-93 Board Member, Alaska Family Services, Inc. (Headstart)
- 1992 Full Time volunteer for the Tony Smith for Senate Campaign, Fairbanks Office
- 1992 Member of Earth Action Committee responsible for organizing and implementing the 1st Annual Student Earth Summit
- 1992 Founding member of the Fairbanks Chapter of the the Alaska Women's Political Caucus, affiliated with the National Women's Political Caucus
- 1991 Transition Team, New Borough Mayor, Jim Sampson
- 1989, 1991 Allocations Committee, Youth Services, United Way of the Tanana Valley
- 1989 Founding member of the Atlanta Board of Directors, - a Foundation to assist single parents complete degrees in higher education
- 1988-90 Board of Directors, United Way of the Tanana Valley
- 1988 Willard Bowman Award for Human Rights, NEA- Alaska

Work History

- 1994 **Resolution Now**
Conflict Resolution, Problem Solving, and Communication Skills for
Groups and Individuals
- 1994 **Trainer**
Facilitator Training, League of Women Voters
- 1994 **Grant Writer**
Lathrop Project, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
- 1993 **Facilitator**
Fairbanks Drama Association Retreat
- 1992 **Interim Director, Fairbanks Headstart**
February through April
- 1991 **In-service consultant**
Lathrop High School, Sept. 1991
- 1973 - 1991 **Professional Staff**
Advocate, Business Agent, Trainer, Educator, Organizer,
National Education Association - Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska
Retired, March 1991
- 1969 - 1973 **School Psychologist**
Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
- 1966-69 **School Psychologist**
Wayzata Public Schools, Wayzata, Minnesota

1976	Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City
1976	Board President, Alaska ACLU
1974-77	Board Member, Alaska ACLU
1972	Delegate to Democratic National Convention in Miami
1971-75	Board Member, Fairbanks Chapter ACLU
1970-73	Founding Member of Fairbanks Crisis Line, Board of Directors, Trainer
1970	Founding member Fairbanks Chapter NOW
1969 - present	Active member of Alaska Democratic Party

Abbe Hensley
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January 3, 1995

Marla Huss
Boards and Commissions
Office of the Governor
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Marla:

I am interested in serving on the state board of education. I believe that my experience and skills would provide a much needed perspective.

My experience starts with my own children. All four have attended only Alaskan schools. Our two oldest are now in college, one is in the 9th grade, and the youngest is in 6th grade. They've attended a variety of programs in schools in Anchorage, Kotzebue, and Juneau.

We lived in Kotzebue for three years, and I helped start a PTA there. The Kotzebue PTA was not a cookies and fundraising group; a Kotzebue principal said that there was lots more "action" at the PTA meetings than at the advisory school board meetings. While in Kotzebue, I was elected to the state PTA board of managers. This gave me a different look at issues elsewhere in the state and provided a lot of support for what we were doing in Kotzebue.

I served four years as the president of the state PTA, from 1989-93. During that time I became even more familiar with statewide education issues. In 1990 the PTA held our first parent involvement conference, the first of its kind in the country. This was a partnership between Alaska PTA, Alaska Pacific University, the Office of the Governor, and a myriad of Alaskan businesses. We sponsored a second conference the next year and continued to increase awareness of the importance of parent and family involvement with children's education.

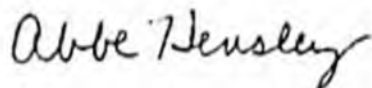
As state president, I developed and maintained working relationships with leaders of other groups interested in education. These relationships remained cordial even when we disagreed on issues. I gave presentations and taught workshops at conferences and meetings around the state and continued building networks. In addition, I participated in many meetings and discussions, both formal and informal.

Because of my position as state president, I was a member of the National PTA board of directors. I have continued serving on the National PTA board, as a region vice president from 1993-94 and, since last June, as

vice president for leadership services. These positions have provided me the opportunity to travel to other states and to stay current with national education issues.

I will be glad to provide a resume. I can be reached by phone at 346-4060 and by both phone and fax at 346-1802. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abbe Hensley".

Abbe Hensley



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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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January 27, 1995

The Honorable Governor Tony Knowles
c/o Maria Huss, Director
Boards and Commissions
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK. 99811-0001

RE: Recommendation for Abbe Hensley, State Board of Education

Dear Governor Knowles:

As you consider appointments to the State Board of Education, please give serious consideration to Abbe Hensley. Without question, her abilities, training and previous experience make her uniquely qualified for this position. Having served on the State Board of Education for five years myself, I have some understanding about what the board requires and what it takes to serve well. I can think of no one more qualified than Abbe.

First of all, Abbe's highest priority will be the needs of children--Alaska's children. With her experience in both rural and urban Alaska, her ethnically diverse family background, and her sensitivity to cultural issues, she will bring a rare perspective of children's needs to the board. In her service as Alaska PTA President for four years, she demonstrated that her commitment to children goes beyond rhetoric to action. She gave hundreds of volunteer hours to improving the way schools serve students and continuously reminded PTA leaders to put "Children First".

Abbe is not a newcomer to Alaska education issues. She has served on a variety of education reform committees, including the Alaska 2000 Oversight Committee. She understands the issues surrounding school finance, teacher preparation, student assessment, school-to-work transitions and other priority topics. She is concerned about school accountability and engaging parents in the education of their children. In addition, as the current Leadership Vice President for the National PTA, she has access to the best ideas from other states. Few Alaskans have had the preparation Abbe has, enabling them to make wise and well informed decisions regarding education policy.

In my experience, the most important skills required for the State Board of Education are "people skills". Abbe is a gifted consensus builder. She listens to others, thinks clearly, articulates her thoughts with genuine concern for positive problem solving and never

belittles or insults. She has a well developed sense of fairness and a commitment to purpose. With education interest groups being well organized, it's essential to be unafraid of taking unpopular positions if they're the right ones for children. Abbe has a clear sense of her own identity and would deal with controversy well--always with grace.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of Abbe's experience in parental involvement. Everyone gives lip service to it, but Abbe knows how to make it happen. Research has indicated over and over that parental involvement is the most consistent predictor of student success. To have someone on the board who truly understands what can be done in this area would have powerful positive impact on student achievement.

Alaska needs education leaders who see the "big picture", who understand that children are not served well if expectations are low, who have broad life experiences outside education which give balance to their perspectives. We need people courageous enough to move education forward, using what works from the past and the best ideas of the future. We need people who can work with other people.

Abbe Hensley meets this criteria and goes beyond it. She would be an extraordinary member of the State Board of Education. Appointing Abbe would be a step in the right direction for Alaska's children.

Sincerely,



Sue Hull
President

Resume for:

R. Weaver Ivanoff
PO Box 113
Unalakleet, Ak 99684
Ph (907) 624-3025

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Education:

1964-Top Ten Graduate of Mt. Edgecumbe High School
1964-1966 University of Alaska, Fairbanks
1971-1973 Alaska Methodist University & Univ. of Alaska-Anchorage
Secondary Education

Administrative Experience

1968-1971: Official in Charge National Weather Service
Meteorological Technician
1973-1978: Official in Charge National Weather Service, Unalakleet Ak.
Meteorological Technician
1978-Present: General Manager: Native Village of Unalakleet.
Unalakleet Ak.

Organization Affiliations

Chairman, Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Chairman, Arctic Regional Council
Chairman of Board, Bering Sea Fisherman Association
Chairman of Board, Kawerak, Inc., 8 years
Chairman of Board, Norton Sound Fishermen's Co-op
President, Native Village of Unalakleet
Member, Unalakleet City Council
Board Member, Norton Sound Health Corporation
Board Member, Community Enterprise Development Corporation
School Board Member: Bering Strait School District- 1985-Present
Governor's Appointee- Fisherman's Fund Advisory Committee
Advisory Panel to North Pacific Management Council

Other: Norton Sound Herring Commercial Fisherman, 1986-present

Personal Data: Birthplace- Nome, Alaska, July 8, 1946
Marital Status- Married, wife Luci. Have four children-
Burkher-20, Yuri-18, Veronica-14, and Gussie-13.

MARILYN WEBB

720 Sixth Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

(907) 586-2240

EDUCATION

University of Alaska coursework in education, administration; 1989
Western Washington State graduate course in Early Childhood Education
(ECE) and curriculum development; 1974-75
University of North Dakota New School, graduate course; 1971
Michigan State University Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, 1959

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Alaska Head Start Directors, Chairperson (past)
- Anchorage Association of Young Children, Chairperson (past)
- National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC), member
- Parent Advisory Gifted and Talented Committee, Anchorage School District, Chairperson (past)
- Resource Access Project Advisory Committee, Easter Seals, Board Member
- KID PAC (Political Action for Children), Member
- State Association for Education of Young Children, Board Member
- ARCO Dependent Care, Community Advisory Task Force, Board Member (past)
- Child Care Connection, Anchorage, Alaska, Member
- Alaska Association for Education of Young Children (AAEYC), Advocacy Chairperson (past)
- Department of Education Task Force on Educational Priorities, Member
- Anchorage School District Full Day Kindergarten Committee, Member
- Department of Community and Regional Affairs Committee for Child Care Grants, Chairperson (past)
- Promising Practices (Department of Education Team), Member
- Action for Alaska's Children, Board Member
- State Interdepartmental committee on Young Children, Vice-Chair
- Northwest Regional Labs, Northwest Child and Family Network, Member

EMPLOYMENT

- 1991 - Present State of Alaska, Department of Community and Regional Affairs Rural Development Division, State Head Start Program Coordinator. Project Director, Head Start State Collaboration Grant
- 1989 - 1990 Trainer, Child Care Connection (resource referral agency providing home care provider training).
- 1977 - 1988 Program Supervisor, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Anchorage, Alaska. Supervised 21 Head Start Programs.
- 1985 Guest Lecturer, Rolle College, Exmouth, England (leave of absence from Rural CAP).
- 1972 - 1975 Kindergarten Teacher, Bellingham, WA Public Schools, Supervised student teachers. Served on curriculum committee for testing and evaluation, and on Head Start Policy council as district representative.
- 1963 - 1964 Kindergarten/First Grade Teacher, East Lansing (Michigan) Public Schools. Taught in campus demonstration school. Made video tapes for teacher training; supervised student teachers; and did demonstration teaching. Served as liaison between public school and Michigan State University Early Childhood Program.
- 1968 Head Start Teacher, East Lansing (Michigan) Schools.
- 1961 - 1963 First Grade Teacher, Negaunee (Michigan) School. Supervised student teachers.
- 1959 - 1961 Second Grade Teacher, Lansing (Michigan) Public School.

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To SEN. LYDA GREEN	From Dennis Wetherell		
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Dept	Phone # 265-6501		
Fax # 465-3805	Fax # 265-1608		

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Sen Lyda Green
 Room 423, State Capitol
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Sen Green:

I have been informed that the HESS committee will soon be conducting confirmation hearings on the new Dept. of Education Commissioner and I would like the committee to ask some questions regarding the candidates views on gifted education.

I am a parent of a gifted child, am a member of the DOE Special Education Regulations Review Task Force as an advocate for gifted education, and am active in local and state advocacy groups. In writing this letter, I represent myself and AGATE (Alaskans for Gifted and Talented Education, June Haas chair).

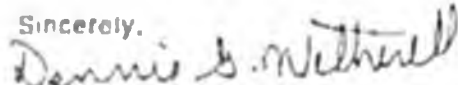
Gifted children are an at risk group of students who are under served and under recognized by the present educational system. Too often, these children are not challenged in school, become bored, frustrated, and depressed. They may become underachievers, develop behavior problems, and drop out of school or society. Some commit suicide and a significant number end up in our criminal institutions. It has been reported that about 14% of the nation's prison population is considered gifted, yet only about 5% of the total population is labeled gifted. One has to wonder why gifted are found 3 times more often in our prisons than in society as a whole.

Over the last four years, support for gifted education at the state level has decreased dramatically. I would like to see this trend reversed and I think selection of a supportive DOE commissioner would be helpful. By promoting challenging educational opportunities for gifted children, I think we will improve the quality of education for all. We will certainly be empowering our more able students to better use their gifts and talents for the benefit of society.

Please consider asking the following questions:

- 1) What role should the state play in developing gifted education in Alaska?
- 2) What do you advocate for meeting the needs of underachieving and/or learning disabled gifted children?
- 3) Do you support flexible enrollment of school placement based on readiness as opposed to age?
- 4) Gifted students have a need to be able to associate with their developmental and intellectual peers. How would you recommend accommodating this need in an inclusionary program?
- 5) If the candidate is supportive of gifted education and some form of ability grouping - How would you respond to accusations that special programs for the gifted are elitist and to recommendations for an egalitarian education system?
- 6) What are your views on acceleration and enrichment? Do you see these alternatives as being mutually exclusive?
- 7) Would you advocate for opportunities for concurrent enrollment in high school and college?
- 8) Are you supportive of advanced placement and honors classes?

Thank you for considering this request. If possible, I would like to obtain a transcript of the hearings

Sincerely,

 Dennis G. Wetherell

cc Sen Loren Leman
 Sen Judy Salo
 Rep Con Bunde
 Rep Cynthia Turbay

**Suggested Questions to Candidates for the
State Board of Education**

General:

Do you see any conceivable way that implementing the provisions of Alaska 2000 would make any tangible difference in the classroom?

Do you think what Jerry Covey did shows the kind of moral leadership that you find acceptable in a Commissioner of Education?

NEA Rep: Since nobody else it seems has a guaranteed job for life (except some members of the judiciary), why do we have tenure? Doesn't tenure prevent us from weeding out poor teachers?

For Robert Gottstien: From your experience with the WISE Project, what would you do differently to see that the products of such an activity are accepted in the classroom and implemented?

Mr. Gottstien: Have you given any thoughts to how a voucher system could be used to enhance education? How will these students be transported?

On Prince of Wales Island, we maintain 4 separate school districts. Is this the kind of local control we want to promote in this state? (Better check with Sen. Taylor!!!)

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation:

How does the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation fit into your concept of the mission of the Department of Education?

From what I hear, there seems to be a high level of dissatisfaction by people who use the services of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. What can the Board of Education do to see that this situation is changed?

As a member of the Board, how will you measure the cooperation and collaboration between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Special Education to transition students from school to work?

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Special Education:

How much of the school foundation formula goes to Special Education? Would it surprise you to learn that the amount is nearly \$100 million? (I think its actually \$98,340,500) What is the Department's responsibility to see that this money is spent in accordance with the law?

Does it seem reasonable that we have no one in the Department that is specifically accountable to the public as a Director for Special Education?

Do you feel that any changes in the Department's organization are necessary to assure that adequate and cost effective special education is provided in rural areas? (SESA?)

The practice in Special Education is to educate children with disabilities wherever possible with students who do not have disabilities. Classroom experience tells us that this inclusive education works if it is done right. As a member of the State Board of Education, what do you feel is your role in seeing that the state properly carries out this philosophy?

Because funding is based upon the place a student receives services, the present School Foundation Formula deters districts from using the inclusionary education philosophy. What can be done with the foundation formula to encourage or support districts that want to implement inclusionary practices?

Gifted Education:

As part of Alaska 2000, the Department would eliminate Gifted Education from the Department's duties. Should Gifted Education continue to be part of Special Education?

The person in the Department responsible for Gifted Education devotes 5% of his time, only 2 hours each week on this activity. Do you feel this is adequate to ensure students in Gifted Education are properly served in our schools?

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Confirmation Hearing--Committee Procedures

I will now call the joint House and Senate HESS Committees to order at _____ AM.

Present are Senators and Representatives

The first order of business today will be to review the qualifications of Susan Stitham, appointee to the Board of Education.

Ms. Stitham would you please join us at the table.

Ms. Stitham, do you have any comments you would like to make at this time?

Are there any questions for Ms. Stitham?

Without objection, Ms. Stitham will be forwarded to the Legislature for consideration.

Alaska State Legislature

Sen. Lyda Green, Chairman
Sen. Loren Leman, Vice-Chairman
Sen. Mike Miller
Sen. Johnny Ellis
Sen. Judith Salo



State Capitol
Room 123
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Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Loren Leman, Vice Chair
Senator Mike Miller
Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Judy Salo
Nancy Quinto, Senate Secretary

FROM: Senator Lyda Green, Chairman *Lyda*
Senate Committee on Health, Education & Social Services

DATE: February 15, 1996

RE: Senate HESS Committee Schedule

Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services

Committee Schedule for Week of 19 February 1996
9:00 a.m.
Butrovich Room, 205

Monday, February 19

NO MEETING SCHEDULED

Wednesday, February 21

CONFIRMATION HEARING OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUSAN STITHAM

JOINT MEETING WITH HOUSE HESS ON ABOVE ISSUE

9:15 SB 156 MANDATORY MEDIATION: CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES - 60390

ABOVE BILL WILL BE TELECONFERENCED

<BILLS PREVIOUSLY HEARD>

SB 185 IMMUNIZATION RECORD UPON CHILD'S DEATH

Friday, February 23

HB 104 DISCLOSURE OF JUVENILE RECORDS
<BILLS PREVIOUSLY HEARD>

ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA SCHOOL BOARDS

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February 9, 1996

Senator Lyda Green, HESS Chair
Senate HESS Committee Members
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

RE: Recommendation for Susan Stitham for State Board of Education

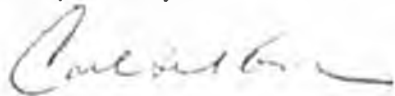
Knowing that you will be considering confirmation of an appointment to the State Board of Education in the near future, I'd like to offer my recommendation for Susan Stitham of Fairbanks.

Ms. Stitham has distinguished herself in many ways throughout her long career as an educator. She is an outstanding example of an effective teacher and has been a strong representative for the teaching profession in her years of association with NEA. We've been acquainted for many years and I've had the pleasure of working with her in a number of situations. In each of those I've been impressed with her ability to examine issues thoroughly, listen carefully to other perspectives, think creatively and help facilitate satisfactory solutions to problems.

She is the kind of person we need on the State Board of Education.

Her credentials alone should recommend her as one of the most capable people who could ever be appointed to this Board. I'm sure you will find a wide range of support for her appointment. The Association of Alaska School Boards would like to add our voice to that support. We would look forward to working with her in this capacity.

Respectfully,



Carl Rose
Executive Director

Board of Education

Susan A. Stitham
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AB Middlebury College, Vermont
graduated with departmental honors

MA University of Alaska, Anchorage
English

MAT University of Alaska, Fairbanks

1967 - 1969 Graduate Assistant, Fairbanks School District
1969 - 1972 Teacher, Ryan Jr. High
1972 - present Teacher, Lathrop High School
Department Chair, English Department

Teaches Advancement English and counsels for college careers. Was former basketball coach, sponsors senior class and Honors Society. Elected as commencement speaker for senior class 8 times in past 10 years.

Former recipient Fairbanks Teacher of the Year Award and JC's Outstanding Young Educator Award.

Member National Education Association - past president. NEA director on national board; chair, national committee. Past president of Fairbanks Education Association. Member of numerous Department of Education advisory committees, Certification Advisory Council, Fairbanks School District Policy Review Committee. Former board member Alaska Repertory Theatre and WICCA. Involved in the founding and one of the original directors of Alaska State Writing Consortium.

SUSAN A. STITHAM
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Addendum to Resume
 February 19, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: In the past four years, in addition to my regular English assignment, I have worked in three different inter-disciplinary teams, including

AP GOVERNMENT/ENGLISH LITERATURE (1996) - team teaching with a social studies teacher, combining work with Advanced Placement Government and the primary sources which influenced the Founding Fathers and relevant literary texts, such as HAMLET and MACBETH. Our classroom was selected as one of fifteen in the nation to participate in PBS' "Correspondence with Correspondents" project; our students are working with TIME magazine's political reporter, Michael Kramer.

Awareness

PROBLEMS IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY (1995) - an interdisciplinary economics and government course, team taught with a math, a science, and a social studies teacher; the team won the 1995 Award for Outstanding Economics Teaching in Alaska

SENIOR SEMINAR (1992, 1993) - "Ethics and Epidemics: A look at the Black Death, Irish Potato Famine, and AIDS from the perspective of math, science, social studies and English" - the four teacher team won the 1993 Interior Aids Association Award for Promoting AIDS

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ACTIVITIES:

1987-1995: Member of University of Alaska Board of Regents; secretary and chair of Academic and Student Affairs Committee

1991-1994: Worked on a variety of committees involved in Alaska 2000, including the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee; the Steering and Oversight Committees; the Teacher Standards Committee; the English Language Arts Student Performance Standards Committee-co-chair; the Goals 2000 Panel.

1987-1993: Founding member of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; chair, Education Policy and Reform Committee

AWARDS and RECOGNITION:

1996 - Excellence in Teaching Award, selected by Lathrop alumni attending Brigham Young University; five recipients outside of Utah chosen annually.

1995 - Commencement speaker, Lathrop High School, elected by graduates

1994, 1996 - Who's Who in America's Teachers, nominated by Lathrop alumni

1992 - Commencement Speaker, Michigan State University College of Education

1991 - Milken National Educator Award

STATE OF ALASKA
Boards and Commissions

EDUCATION

BOARD: Board of Education

BOARD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 029

DEPARTMENT: Department of Education

AUTHORITY: AS 14.07.075; AS 14.35.020, AS 23.15.010

STATUS: Active

REQUIREMENTS: Legislative Confirmation, Financial Disclosure

PROHIBITIONS: No member may be a candidate for partisan political office while serving; no more than 4 shall be of the same political party as the Governor.

TERM: 5 years

DESCRIPTION: 7 members appointed by the Governor: with consideration of recommendations made by recognized educational associations in the state; 1 representing each judicial district; 3 at-large; at least 1 representing regional educational attendance areas. Board designates chair. Members serve at pleasure of the Governor. (Non-voting advisory members include: student representative nominated by the Board of Directors of the Alaska Association of Student Governments and selected by the board; and military representative nominated by the ranking General of the Alaska Command and selected by the board -- see Administrative Code 4AAC03025A1 & B).

FUNCTION: May adopt bylaws for the management of the Department of Education; adopt statewide goals and require each governing body to adopt goals consistent with local needs; appoint the Commissioner of Education with the approval of the Governor; adopt bylaws and budget for management of the Department; administer the program of vocational education and serve as the designated Board of Vocational Rehabilitation. Also serve as the state's Chapter 2 Block Grants Advisory Committee, which is required by federal law.

CHAIR: Board selects.

SPECIAL FACTS: Quorum - 4 members. Serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

COMPENSATION: Standard Travel and Per Diem. No additional compensation.

MEETINGS: At least quarterly in Juneau unless majority of board members changes site; usually 6-8 mtgs/year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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February 10, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Green, Chair
Health, Education & Social Services Committee

FROM: Nancy Quinto *NQ*
Secretary of the Senate

SUBJECT: Governor's Confirmations

President Pearce has referred the following names (no resumes attached) for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

Board of Education

Abbe Hensley - Anchorage
Marilyn Webb - Juneau
Robert Gottstein - Anchorage
Mike Williams - Akiak
R. Weaver Ivanoff - Unalakleet
Mary Ann Eininger - Fairbanks
Stowell Johnstone - Anchorage - Reappointed

NQ/hv