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HB #320

To: Representative Lynn Gattis
Chair, House Education Committee

From: Representative Chris Tuck
HB320 Prime Sponsor

Subject: Hearing Request for HB 320
Jury Duty Exemption for Certain Teachers

Date: February 27, 2014

I am respectfully requesting a hearing in the House Education Committee on House Bill 320, Jury Duty Exemption for Certain Teachers. House Bill 320 is clean up legislation that would change existing statute to require the Department of Education and Early Development to develop regulations with new definitions of "low performing schools" for the purpose of maintain our existing teacher exemption from jury duty when a teacher is employed at a low performing school.

Current state statute exempts teachers from jury service if they are not at a school that does not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Last year the State of Alaska received an exemption from NCLB, inadvertently cancelling the teacher exemption.

In the packet, I have included:

- House Bill 320, Version A
- Sponsor Statement
- Background Information
 - ASPI Worksheet Explanation
 - ASPI Explanation Graphic
 - ASPI 2013 Statewide Summary
 - ASPI 2013 School List
 - DEED NCLB Waiver Press Release
 - ASD Substitute Teacher Requirements
 - Matsu School District Substitute Teacher Requirements
- Letters of Support

If necessary, other backup will be forthcoming. Please contact my staffer, Kendra Kloster, with any questions or concerns.

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House Bill 320 Jury Service Exemption Sponsor Statement

House Bill 320 directs the Department of Education and Early Development to develop regulations defining "low performing schools" for purposes of jury duty exemption for teachers.

Current statute exempts from jury duty those teachers working in schools that do not meet the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under No Child Left Behind (NCLB). This provision effectively defines the term "low performing" as not "meeting AYP." In May of 2013 when the State of Alaska received an exemption from NCLB we invalidated our operating definition of low performing.

In 2004, Representative Mary Kapsner introduced HB 353 which created the jury duty exemption based on AYP. While jury duty is a privilege and duty of citizenship, a higher duty is to the welfare of children. A teacher chosen for jury duty on a long term trial might be gone from a classroom for several months. The idea of HB 353 was to provide stability to underperforming classrooms.

Currently, the state rates schools using the 5 star Alaska School Performance Index. The measurement tool takes in consideration such factors as school achievement, progress, attendance, graduation rate. While the Department could use this 5 star system, we believe it makes sense to allow them flexibility for determining the performance measure and to not have to seek a statute change for the jury duty issue any time a performance metric is changed.

I would appreciate your support in this clean-up legislation.

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Commissioner

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Press Release

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 20, 2013

Alaska Receives No Child Left Behind Waiver

JUNEAU – The U.S. Department of Education has granted Alaska a waiver from major provisions of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly known as No Child Left Behind. The waiver will take effect next school year.

“I am pleased that we have been able to remove ourselves from an accountability model that has inaccurately labeled Alaskan schools,” said Alaska Education Commissioner Mike Hanley. “In its place we will implement a system that will incorporate data that includes but goes beyond test scores to present a more accurate picture of the health of our schools across the state.”

Alaska is the 37th state (plus Washington, D.C.) to receive a waiver. Under the waiver, states agree to:

- adopt standards in English/language arts and mathematics that prepare students for education and training after high school, often referred to as college-ready and career-ready standards;
- devise their own system for holding schools accountable for students' academic success, including student populations that traditionally underperform; and
- require school districts to evaluate teachers and principals partly on student achievement.

In exchange for meeting these requirements, states are allowed to opt out of NCLB's accountability system known as Adequate Yearly Progress.

NCLB's goal was that all assessed students be proficient in reading and math by spring 2014. Schools and districts were held accountable in up to 32 categories. If schools and districts underperformed in any category to any degree, they were subject to consequences.

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School districts around the nation were concerned they would soon face consequences for not meeting unattainable goals. States were concerned they would have to implement consequences that are expensive, disruptive, and in some cases unjustified.

Alaska was in a position to apply for a waiver because it had been working for two years on new standards and on methods of evaluating educators. The State Board of Education & Early Development adopted Alaska's own college-ready and career-ready standards in June 2012. See <http://education.alaska.gov/tls/assessment/GLEHome.html>.

The State Board adopted new regulations for school districts' evaluations of educators in December 2012. See http://education.alaska.gov/news/releases/2012/board_actions_dec2012.pdf.

The State Board is scheduled to vote June 6 on proposed regulations to implement Alaska's own accountability system.

Alaska has proposed an accountability system for schools based on data about student achievement and progress in reading, writing and mathematics; attendance; performance on work-ready and college-entrance assessments in high school; and high school graduation. This formula, called the Alaska School Performance Index, will rank schools from one star to five stars.

Additionally, each school and district will have the goal of reducing its percentage of non-proficient students by half over six years, including in each subgroup of students: economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, limited English proficient students, and ethnic groups. Districts will be required to implement improvement plans in one-star and two-star schools and in any school with substantial achievement gaps among subgroups of students.

As required by the U.S. Department of Education, the state will recognize high-performing and high-improving schools; require the lowest-performing 5 percent of Title I schools (recipients of federal anti-poverty funds) to implement a significant program of improvement aligned with comprehensive turnaround principles; and require the next 10 percent of low-performing Title I schools to implement appropriate interventions to address specific deficiencies revealed through data analysis.

Parents will continue to receive reports about their children's results on state assessments. Assessment results for schools and districts, broken down by subgroups of students, will continue to be made public.

For more about Alaska's waiver, see <http://education.alaska.gov/nclb/esea.html>

Contact: Deputy Commissioner Les Morse at 907-465-8691 or les.morse@alaska.gov or Dr. Susan McCauley, Director of Teaching & Learning Support, at 907-465-2857 or susan.mccauley@alaska.gov.



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Mission: Mat-Su Borough School District prepares students for success

SUBSTITUTE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

PLEASE NOTE: Applicant must be a high school graduate or have completed his/her GED to qualify for a substitute position with the District. The District reserves the right to request supporting documentation indicating this status. All substitutes are "at will", on call, temporary employees, and are not guaranteed any work. This publication is not intended to form an agreement or contract of any kind between Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District and its substitute employees. This application in no way alters the "at will" employment of substitute employees. Please check to see that you have completed all of the following required items before returning to the Human Resources Department.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Completed Application**
- Substitute Action Form**
- State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan Beneficiary Designation**
- Form SSA-1945 (Not Covered by Social Security Form)**
- I-9 Form. Have acceptable identification available; see I-9 form for list. (Example: driver's license AND social security card).**
- W-4 Form**
- Direct Deposit Form; Voided check or pre-printed documentation from financial institution is required to be attached. Deposit slips are not accepted.**
- Substitute Interview Form; must have completed an interview with appropriate District Administrator based on subbing area prior to submission of application.**
- Fingerprinting Form; a list of recommended fingerprinting service providers is enclosed in the application.**
- Electronic Information Resources Contract**
- Terms of Employment & Receipt of Policy Form (to be signed upon submission of application).**
- Interested Person Report from Alaska State Troopers located at:
453 South Valley Way, Palmer, AK 99645 Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM
To obtain you will need: Alaska Drivers License or Alaska ID Card and \$20.00 processing fee (cash or check only, payable to the State of Alaska).**

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

- Transcripts stating conferred date of Bachelors degree or Alaska Teaching Certificate (to receive the higher rate of pay).
Note: Diplomas are not acceptable.**
- Certificate of Substitute Diploma**
- Equal Employment Opportunity Survey**
- 403 B Tax Shelter Annuity Election Form
(Only available if you have a current account)**

Additional information for subbing in specialized areas:

- Copy of Alaska Teacher Certificate (long term sub for certified teachers only).**
- Copy of commercial driver's license and current driving record (drivers only).**
- Contact made with Nutrition Services 861-5100 (food service only).**
- Interview with Health Services and copy of RN license (nurses only).**
- Interview with a supervisor of Operations and maintenance for Custodial Subs.**

As of September 10, 2012 the ASD had 2,126 active current substitute teachers in the Sub Dispatch system. Of that number 449 had valid Alaska teaching certificates. The 2,126 number follows a “culling” of over 800 sub teachers who worked less than five days during the 2011-2012 school year.

- The district had an average need for approximately 350 subs per day during the 2011-2012 school year.
- There is an announced effort by the ASD to decrease the number of teacher pull-outs for training and/or release during the 2012-13 school year, so we anticipate a reduced number from the 350 of last school year. To date we have been running an average of 150 sub teacher jobs per day.
- There is an ongoing effort to increase the quality of our substitute teaching force.
- Training and Professional Development (TPD) will not be able to provide similar training support for the online training/test for substitute teachers in 2012-13. Likewise, due to budget reductions, TPD can no longer provide as many face-to-face sub trainings.
- We have averaged a 98.7% fill rate over the last three years and most of the 1.3% that did not fill were either nursing jobs, or very-late sub job submissions.
- In a nutshell, we have a plethora of active substitutes and will be facing a decreased number of available subbing jobs.

Therefore, beginning on September 17, 2012 the ASD will only accept and process substitute teaching applicants from individuals who hold a valid Alaska teaching certificate (Initial, Professional, or Master), or a student teacher authorization form (allowing a student teacher to sub for their host teacher during their final student teaching experience).

Any current ASD substitute teacher who is an active substitute may remain in the pool without an Alaska teaching certificate, as long as the individual substitutes the required five day minimum during the upcoming school year. However, the district will not accept new applications unless the applicant holds an Alaska teaching certificate. A “yellow” card from the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), an actual copy of a sub’s teaching certificate, or the student teacher authorization form is required. This documentation will be required at the time the paper portion of the application is completed and submitted by the applicant.

The ASD will monitor the situation through-out the school year to gauge and analyze the positive and negative impacts of this decision.

ALASKA SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INDEX (ASPI): 2012-2013

Summary of All Schools - Sorted by District

District Name	School Name	City	Low Grade	High Grade	ASPI Score	ASPI Rating
Alaska Gateway	Alaska REACH Academy	Tok	PK	12	73.40	***
Alaska Gateway	Dot Lake School	Dot Lake	PK	12	90.57	****
Alaska Gateway	Eagle Community School	Eagle	PK	12	82.57	***
Alaska Gateway	Mentasta Lake School	Mentasta Lake	PK	12	73.45	***
Alaska Gateway	Tanacross School	Tanacross	KG	8	60.52	**
Alaska Gateway	Tetlin School	Tetlin	PK	12	58.57	**
Alaska Gateway	Tok School	Tok	PK	12	74.82	***
Alaska Gateway	Walter Northway School	Northway	PK	12	71.89	***
Aleutian Region	Adak School	Adak	PK	12	75.52	***
Aleutian Region	Yakov E. Netsvetov School	Atka	KG	12	67.43	***
Aleutians East	Akutan School	Akutan	PK	12	75.65	***
Aleutians East	Aleutians Correspondence Education School	Sand Point	KG	12	88.06	****
Aleutians East	Cold Bay School	Cold Bay	PK	12	91.67	****
Aleutians East	False Pass School	False Pass	PK	12	70.02	***
Aleutians East	King Cove School	King Cove	PK	12	79.96	***
Aleutians East	Sand Point School	Sand Point	PK	12	78.34	***
Anchorage	Abbott Loop Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	81.61	***
Anchorage	Airport Heights Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	77.84	***
Anchorage	Alaska Native Cultural Charter School	Anchorage	PK	7	84.32	***
Anchorage	Alaska State School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing	Anchorage	PK	12	57.58	**
Anchorage	Alpenglow Elementary	Eagle River	PK	6	94.17	*****
Anchorage	Aquarian Charter School	Anchorage	KG	6	95.89	*****
Anchorage	Aurora Elementary	JBER	PK	6	95.92	*****
Anchorage	Avail School	Anchorage	6	12	55.52	**
Anchorage	Bartlett High School	Anchorage	9	12	68.22	***
Anchorage	Baxter Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	91.99	****
Anchorage	Bayshore Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	95.22	*****
Anchorage	Bear Valley Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	96.44	*****
Anchorage	Benson Secondary/S.E.A.R.C.H.	Anchorage	7	12	51.89	*
Anchorage	Birchwood ABC Elementary	Eagle River	PK	6	94.54	*****
Anchorage	Bowman Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	90.49	****
Anchorage	Campbell Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	89.60	****
Anchorage	Central Middle School of Science	Anchorage	7	8	82.69	***
Anchorage	Chester Valley Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	79.85	***

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Anchorage	Chinook Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	88.11	****
Anchorage	Chugach Optional Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	97.29	*****
Anchorage	Chugiak Elementary	Chugiak	PK	5	90.82	****
Anchorage	Chugiak High School	Chugiak	9	12	89.79	****
Anchorage	Clark Middle School	Anchorage	6	8	77.16	***
Anchorage	College Gate Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	86.60	****
Anchorage	Creekside Park Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	88.36	****
Anchorage	Crossroads School	Anchorage	7	12	25.85	*
Anchorage	Denali Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	91.85	****
Anchorage	Dimond High School	Anchorage	9	12	89.15	****
Anchorage	Eagle Academy Charter School	Eagle River	KG	6	96.94	*****
Anchorage	Eagle River Elementary	Eagle River	PK	6	95.01	*****
Anchorage	Eagle River High School	Eagle River	9	12	91.46	****
Anchorage	East High School	Anchorage	9	12	74.22	***
Anchorage	Fairview Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	79.94	***
Anchorage	Family Partnership Charter School	Anchorage	KG	12	79.61	***
Anchorage	Fire Lake Elementary	Eagle River	PK	5	88.29	****
Anchorage	Frontier Charter School	Anchorage	KG	12	74.98	***
Anchorage	Girdwood School	Girdwood	KG	8	96.65	*****
Anchorage	Gladys Wood Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	88.27	****
Anchorage	Goldenview Middle School	Anchorage	7	8	94.64	*****
Anchorage	Government Hill Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	92.22	****
Anchorage	Gruening Middle School	Eagle River	6	8	92.97	****
Anchorage	Hanshaw Middle School	Anchorage	7	8	82.88	***
Anchorage	Highland Tech High Charter School	Anchorage	6	12	79.21	***
Anchorage	Homestead Elementary	Eagle River	PK	6	95.22	*****
Anchorage	Huffman Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	94.15	*****
Anchorage	Inlet View Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	86.89	****
Anchorage	Kasuun Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	88.05	****
Anchorage	Kincaid Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	93.45	****
Anchorage	Klatt Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	90.75	****
Anchorage	Lake Hood Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	87.39	****
Anchorage	Lake Otis Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	80.88	***
Anchorage	McLaughlin Secondary School	Anchorage	7	12	59.67	**

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Anchorage	Mears Middle School	Anchorage	7	8	88.66	****
Anchorage	Mirror Lake Middle School	Chugiak	6	8	91.43	****
Anchorage	Mountain View Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	74.03	***
Anchorage	Mt. Spurr Elementary	JBER	PK	6	95.84	*****
Anchorage	Muldoon Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	84.20	***
Anchorage	Nicholas J. Begich Middle School	Anchorage	6	8	79.41	***
Anchorage	North Star Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	85.94	****
Anchorage	Northern Lights ABC K-8 School	Anchorage	KG	8	96.56	*****
Anchorage	Northwood ABC	Anchorage	PK	6	89.39	****
Anchorage	Nunaka Valley Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	75.06	***
Anchorage	Ocean View Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	85.94	****
Anchorage	O'Malley Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	95.95	*****
Anchorage	Orion Elementary School	JBER	PK	6	93.68	****
Anchorage	Polaris K-12 School	Anchorage	KG	12	95.91	*****
Anchorage	Ptarmigan Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	87.21	****
Anchorage	Rabbit Creek Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	92.84	****
Anchorage	Ravenwood Elementary	Eagle River	PK	6	95.23	*****
Anchorage	Rilke Schule Charter School	Anchorage	KG	8	94.35	*****
Anchorage	Rogers Park Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	91.80	****
Anchorage	Romig Middle School	Anchorage	7	8	89.55	****
Anchorage	Russian Jack Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	92.21	****
Anchorage	S.A.V.E. High School	Anchorage	9	12	42.79	*
Anchorage	Sand Lake Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	93.05	****
Anchorage	Scenic Park Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	91.67	****
Anchorage	Service High School	Anchorage	9	12	85.08	****
Anchorage	South Anchorage High School	Anchorage	9	12	91.06	****
Anchorage	Spring Hill Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	87.60	****
Anchorage	Steller Secondary School	Anchorage	7	12	94.27	*****
Anchorage	Susitna Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	90.03	****
Anchorage	Taku Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	88.30	****
Anchorage	The New Path High School	Anchorage	7	12	22.39	*
Anchorage	Trailside Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	93.47	****
Anchorage	Tudor Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	87.97	****
Anchorage	Turnagain Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	88.80	****

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Anchorage	Ursa Major Elementary	JBER	PK	6	90.12	****
Anchorage	Ursa Minor Elementary	JBER	PK	6	88.39	****
Anchorage	Wendler Middle School	Anchorage	7	8	80.37	***
Anchorage	West High School	Anchorage	9	12	72.09	***
Anchorage	Whaley School	Anchorage	PK	12	50.30	*
Anchorage	William Tyson Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	77.68	***
Anchorage	Williwaw Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	85.01	****
Anchorage	Willow Crest Elementary	Anchorage	PK	6	88.87	****
Anchorage	Winterberry School	Anchorage	KG	8	87.89	****
Anchorage	Wonder Park Elementary	Anchorage	PK	5	78.21	***
Annette Island	Charles R. Leask Sr. Middle School	Metlakatla	6	8	80.22	***
Annette Island	Metlakatla High School	Metlakatla	9	12	83.39	***
Annette Island	Richard Johnson Elementary	Metlakatla	PK	5	93.00	****
Bering Strait	Aniguiin School	Elim	PK	12	77.81	***
Bering Strait	Anthony A. Andrews School	St. Michael	PK	12	69.90	***
Bering Strait	Brevig Mission School	Brevig Mission	PK	12	52.64	*
Bering Strait	Diomedes School	Diomedes	PK	12	48.77	*
Bering Strait	Gambell School	Gambell	PK	12	57.82	**
Bering Strait	Hogarth Kingeekuk Sr. Memorial School	Savoonga	PK	12	50.02	*
Bering Strait	James C. Isabell School	Teller	PK	12	85.01	****
Bering Strait	Koyuk-Malimiut School	Koyuk	PK	12	56.57	**
Bering Strait	Martin L. Olson School	Golovin	PK	12	73.02	***
Bering Strait	Shaktolik School	Shaktolik	PK	12	67.15	***
Bering Strait	Shishmaref School	Shishmaref	PK	12	72.11	***
Bering Strait	Tukurngailnguq School	Stebbins	PK	12	54.35	*
Bering Strait	Unalakeet School	Unalakeet	PK	12	83.66	***
Bering Strait	Wales School	Wales	PK	12	64.04	**
Bering Strait	White Mountain School	White Mountain	PK	12	82.76	***
Bristol Bay	Bristol Bay Middle/High School	Naknek	7	12	80.02	***
Bristol Bay	Naknek Elementary	Naknek	PK	6	83.49	***
Chatham	Angoon School	Angoon	PK	12	65.89	***
Chatham	Gustavus School	Gustavus	KG	12	92.06	****
Chatham	Klukwan School	Klukwan	KG	12	77.63	***
Chatham	Tenakee Springs School	Tenakee Springs	KG	12	95.05	*****

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Chugach	Chenega Bay School	Chenega Bay	PK	12	63.78	**
Chugach	FOCUS Homeschool	Anchorage	PK	12	91.09	****
Chugach	Tatitlek Community School	Tatitlek	PK	12	65.47	***
Chugach	Whittier Community School	Whittier	PK	12	85.36	****
Copper River	Copper Center School	Copper Center	PK	6	77.27	***
Copper River	Glennallen Elementary	Glennallen	PK	6	88.15	****
Copper River	Glennallen Jr/Sr High School	Glennallen	7	12	81.04	***
Copper River	Kenny Lake School	Copper Center	PK	12	91.40	****
Copper River	Slana School	Slana	PK	12	59.70	**
Copper River	Upstream Learning Correspondence	Glennallen	KG	12	87.57	****
Cordova	Cordova Jr/Sr High School	Cordova	7	12	91.42	****
Cordova	Mt. Eccles Elementary	Cordova	PK	6	90.54	****
Craig	Craig Alternative High School	Craig	9	12	35.34	*
Craig	Craig Elementary	Craig	PK	5	90.59	****
Craig	Craig High School	Craig	9	12	85.76	****
Craig	Craig Middle School	Craig	6	8	92.34	****
Craig	PACE Correspondence	Craig	KG	12	89.39	****
Delta-Greely	Delta Junction Elementary	Delta Junction	PK	3	86.42	****
Delta-Greely	Delta Junction Sr. High School	Delta Junction	9	12	87.38	****
Delta-Greely	Delta/Greely Homeschool	Delta Junction	PK	12	84.58	***
Delta-Greely	Fort Greely School	Ft. Greely	4	8	87.95	****
Delta-Greely	Gerstle River School	Delta Junction	KG	8	72.22	***
Delta-Greely	New Horizons High School	Delta Junction	9	12	34.87	*
Denali	Anderson School	Anderson	KG	12	88.85	****
Denali	Cantwell School	Cantwell	KG	12	92.49	****
Denali	Denali PEAK	Healy	PK	12	84.11	***
Denali	Tri-Valley School	Healy	PK	12	88.96	****
Dillingham	Dillingham Correspondence School	Dillingham	KG	12	92.32	****
Dillingham	Dillingham Elementary	Dillingham	PK	5	82.60	***
Dillingham	Dillingham Middle/High School	Dillingham	6	12	65.94	***
Fairbanks	Alternative Learning Systems	Fairbanks	PK	12	55.30	**
Fairbanks	Anderson Elementary (Crawford)	Eielson AFB	PK	2	96.30	*****
Fairbanks	Anne Wien Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	6	88.51	****
Fairbanks	Arctic Light Elementary	Fort Wainwright	PK	6	86.61	****

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Fairbanks	Badger Road Elementary	North Pole	KG	5	93.39	****
Fairbanks	Barnette Magnet School	Fairbanks	KG	8	93.39	****
Fairbanks	Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High School	Eielson AFB	7	12	91.10	****
Fairbanks	Chinook Montessori Charter School	Fairbanks	KG	8	95.67	*****
Fairbanks	Crawford Elementary	Eielson AFB	3	6	96.30	*****
Fairbanks	Denali Elementary	Fairbanks	KG	6	85.26	****
Fairbanks	Effie Kokrine Charter School	Fairbanks	7	12	61.71	**
Fairbanks	Fairbanks B.E.S.T.	Fairbanks	KG	12	70.13	***
Fairbanks	Fairbanks Youth Facility	Fairbanks	5	12	44.62	*
Fairbanks	Hunter Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	6	82.48	***
Fairbanks	Hutchison High School	Fairbanks	9	12	91.19	****
Fairbanks	Joy Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	6	86.09	****
Fairbanks	Ladd Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	6	91.97	****
Fairbanks	Lathrop High School	Fairbanks	9	12	74.07	***
Fairbanks	Nordale Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	6	89.74	****
Fairbanks	North Pole Elementary	North Pole	PK	5	83.22	***
Fairbanks	North Pole High School	North Pole	9	12	75.72	***
Fairbanks	North Pole Middle School	North Pole	6	8	84.07	***
Fairbanks	Pearl Creek Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	6	94.28	*****
Fairbanks	Randy Smith Middle School	Fairbanks	7	8	87.26	****
Fairbanks	Ryan Middle School	Fairbanks	7	8	82.02	***
Fairbanks	Salcha Elementary	Fairbanks	KG	6	84.22	***
Fairbanks	Star of the North Secondary School	North Pole	7	12	64.26	**
Fairbanks	Tanana Middle School	Fairbanks	7	8	88.81	****
Fairbanks	Ticasuk Brown Elementary	Fairbanks	PK	5	83.29	***
Fairbanks	Two Rivers School	Fairbanks	KG	8	90.02	****
Fairbanks	University Park Elementary	Fairbanks	KG	6	89.19	****
Fairbanks	Watershed Charter School	Fairbanks	KG	8	95.00	*****
Fairbanks	Weller Elementary	Fairbanks	KG	6	87.02	****
Fairbanks	West Valley High School	Fairbanks	9	12	88.15	****
Fairbanks	Woodriver Elementary	Fairbanks	KG	6	92.02	****
Galena	Galena Interior Learning Academy (GILA)	Galena	9	12	73.81	***
Galena	Interior Distance Education of Alaska (IDEA)	Fairbanks	PK	12	85.94	****
Galena	Sidney C. Huntington Elementary	Galena	PK	6	96.84	*****

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Galena	Sidney C. Huntington Jr/Sr High School	Galena	7	12	88.08	****
Haines	Haines Elementary	Haines	PK	8	91.08	****
Haines	Haines High School	Haines	9	12	86.47	****
Haines	Haines Home School	Haines	KG	12	100.00	*****
Haines	Mosquito Lake Elementary	Haines	KG	8	78.75	***
Hoonah	Hoonah Elementary	Hoonah	PK	6	90.09	****
Hoonah	Hoonah Jr/Sr High School	Hoonah	7	12	68.63	***
Hydaburg	Hydaburg School	Hydaburg	PK	12	74.63	***
Iditarod	Blackwell School	Anvik	PK	12	62.71	**
Iditarod	David Louis Memorial School	Grayling	PK	12	70.20	***
Iditarod	Distance Learning/Corresp. Ctr.	Eagle River	KG	12	89.14	****
Iditarod	Holy Cross School	Holy Cross	KG	12	77.33	***
Iditarod	Innoko River School	Shageluk	PK	12	71.76	***
Iditarod	McGrath School	McGrath	PK	12	84.55	***
Iditarod	Takotna Community School	Takotna	PK	12	90.89	****
Iditarod	Top of the Kuskokwim School	Nikolai	PK	12	88.46	****
Juneau	Auke Bay Elementary	Juneau	KG	5	93.21	****
Juneau	Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School	Juneau	6	8	90.72	****
Juneau	Floyd Dryden Middle School	Juneau	6	8	90.45	****
Juneau	Gastineau Elementary	Juneau	PK	5	88.48	****
Juneau	Glacier Valley Elementary	Juneau	PK	5	84.29	***
Juneau	Harborview Elementary	Juneau	PK	6	88.60	****
Juneau	HomeBRIDGE	Juneau	PK	12	75.02	***
Juneau	Johnson Youth Center	Juneau	5	12	57.67	**
Juneau	Juneau Community Charter School	Juneau	KG	8	89.65	****
Juneau	Juneau-Douglas High School	Juneau	9	12	82.11	***
Juneau	Mendenhall River Community School	Juneau	PK	5	92.17	****
Juneau	Riverbend Elementary	Juneau	PK	5	81.70	***
Juneau	Thunder Mountain High School	Juneau	9	12	81.70	***
Juneau	Yaakoosge Daakahidi Alt. H.S.	Juneau	9	12	47.54	*
Kake	Kake Elementary & High School	Kake	PK	12	87.84	****
Kashunamiut	Chevak School	Chevak	PK	12	54.02	*
Kenai Peninsula	Aurora Borealis Charter School	Kenai	KG	8	98.05	*****
Kenai Peninsula	Chapman School	Anchor Point	PK	8	92.61	****

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Kenai Peninsula	Connections	Soldotna	KG	12	84.05	***
Kenai Peninsula	Cooper Landing School	Cooper Landing	KG	12	89.33	****
Kenai Peninsula	Fireweed Academy	Homer	KG	6	90.00	****
Kenai Peninsula	Homer Flex School	Homer	9	12	64.01	**
Kenai Peninsula	Homer High School	Homer	9	12	88.53	****
Kenai Peninsula	Homer Middle School	Homer	7	8	95.38	*****
Kenai Peninsula	Hope School	Hope	KG	12	91.32	****
Kenai Peninsula	Kachemak Selo School	Fritz Creek	PK	12	92.06	****
Kenai Peninsula	Kaleidoscope School of Arts & Sciences	Kenai	KG	6	97.00	*****
Kenai Peninsula	Kalifornsky Beach Elementary	Soldotna	KG	6	95.03	*****
Kenai Peninsula	Kenai Alternative High School	Kenai	9	12	67.26	***
Kenai Peninsula	Kenai Central High School	Kenai	9	12	89.13	****
Kenai Peninsula	Kenai Middle School	Kenai	6	8	91.86	****
Kenai Peninsula	Marathon School	Kenai	7	12	51.72	*
Kenai Peninsula	McNeil Canyon Elementary	Homer	KG	6	91.29	****
Kenai Peninsula	Moose Pass School	Moose Pass	KG	8	93.25	****
Kenai Peninsula	Mt. View Elementary	Kenai	PK	5	87.23	****
Kenai Peninsula	Nanwalek School	Nanwalek	KG	12	66.96	***
Kenai Peninsula	Nikiski Middle/Senior High School	Nikiski	6	12	88.62	****
Kenai Peninsula	Nikiski North Star Elementary	Nikiski	PK	5	87.08	****
Kenai Peninsula	Nikolaevsk School	Nikolaevsk	PK	12	93.99	****
Kenai Peninsula	Ninilchik School	Ninilchik	KG	12	90.00	****
Kenai Peninsula	Paul Banks Elementary (West Homer)	Homer	PK	2	95.95	*****
Kenai Peninsula	Port Graham School	Port Graham	PK	12	74.97	***
Kenai Peninsula	Razdolna School	Homer	PK	12	86.11	****
Kenai Peninsula	Redoubt Elementary	Soldotna	PK	6	92.33	****
Kenai Peninsula	River City Academy	Soldotna	7	12	81.41	***
Kenai Peninsula	Seward High School	Seward	9	12	87.27	****
Kenai Peninsula	Seward Middle School	Seward	7	8	86.21	****
Kenai Peninsula	Skyview High School	Soldotna	9	12	79.94	***
Kenai Peninsula	Soldotna Elementary	Soldotna	PK	6	85.02	****
Kenai Peninsula	Soldotna High School	Soldotna	9	12	90.74	****
Kenai Peninsula	Soldotna Middle School	Soldotna	7	8	93.71	****
Kenai Peninsula	Soldotna Montessori Charter School	Soldotna	KG	6	92.01	****

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Kenai Peninsula	Sterling Elementary	Sterling	PK	6	91.40	****
Kenai Peninsula	Susan B English School	Seldovia	KG	12	92.56	****
Kenai Peninsula	Tebughna School	Tyonek	KG	12	54.55	*
Kenai Peninsula	Tustumena Elementary	Kasilof	PK	6	91.46	****
Kenai Peninsula	Voznesenka School	Voznesenka	PK	12	86.77	****
Kenai Peninsula	West Homer Elementary	Homer	3	6	95.95	*****
Kenai Peninsula	William H. Seward Elementary School	Seward	PK	6	90.36	****
Ketchikan	Fast Track	Ketchikan	KG	12	72.71	***
Ketchikan	Fawn Mountain Elementary	Ketchikan	PK	6	89.40	****
Ketchikan	Houghtaling Elementary	Ketchikan	PK	6	89.89	****
Ketchikan	Ketchikan Charter School	Ketchikan	KG	8	84.46	***
Ketchikan	Ketchikan High School	Ketchikan	9	12	91.12	****
Ketchikan	Ketchikan Regional Youth Facility	Ketchikan	5	12	51.25	*
Ketchikan	Point Higgins School	Ketchikan	PK	6	92.45	****
Ketchikan	Revilla Jr/Sr High School	Ketchikan	7	12	66.97	***
Ketchikan	Schoenbar Middle School	Ketchikan	7	8	88.48	****
Ketchikan	Tongass School of Arts and Sciences Charter School	Ketchikan	PK	6	90.69	****
Klawock	Klawock City School	Klawock	PK	12	83.18	***
Kodiak Island	Akhiok School	Akhiok	KG	12	80.08	***
Kodiak Island	Chiniak School	Chiniak	KG	10	98.85	*****
Kodiak Island	East Elementary	Kodiak	PK	5	87.29	****
Kodiak Island	Karluk School	Karluk	PK	12	79.20	***
Kodiak Island	Kodiak High School	Kodiak	9	12	86.76	****
Kodiak Island	Kodiak Island Correspondence	Kodiak	KG	12	77.97	***
Kodiak Island	Kodiak Middle School	Kodiak	6	8	91.53	****
Kodiak Island	Larsen Bay School	Larsen Bay	PK	12	84.40	***
Kodiak Island	Main Elementary	Kodiak	PK	5	87.74	****
Kodiak Island	North Star Elementary	Kodiak	PK	5	94.77	*****
Kodiak Island	Old Harbor School	Old Harbor	PK	12	66.83	***
Kodiak Island	Ouzinkie School	Ouzinkie	KG	12	64.53	**
Kodiak Island	Peterson Elementary	Kodiak	PK	5	97.32	*****
Kodiak Island	Port Lions School	Port Lions	KG	12	82.67	***
Kuspuk	Aniak Jr/Sr High School	Aniak	7	12	63.60	**
Kuspuk	Auntie Mary Nicoli Elementary	Aniak	PK	6	75.53	***

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Kuspuk	Crow Village Sam School	Chuathbaluk	PK	12	67.15	***
Kuspuk	George Morgan Sr. H.S.	Kalskag	7	12	58.11	**
Kuspuk	Gusty Michael School	Stony River	PK	12	77.69	***
Kuspuk	Jack Egnaty Sr. School	Sleetmute	PK	12	83.17	***
Kuspuk	Johnnie John Sr. School	Crooked Creek	PK	12	64.03	**
Kuspuk	Joseph S. & Olinga Gregory Elementary	Kalskag	PK	3	27.83	*
Kuspuk	Zackar Levi Elementary	Lower Kalskag	4	6	53.48	*
Lake and Peninsula	Chignik Bay School	Chignik Bay	PK	12	79.23	***
Lake and Peninsula	Chignik Lagoon School	Chignik Lagoon	PK	12	94.00	*****
Lake and Peninsula	Chignik Lake School	Chignik Lake	PK	12	86.48	****
Lake and Peninsula	Egegik School	Egegik	PK	12	72.76	***
Lake and Peninsula	Igiugig School	Igiugig	PK	12	92.52	****
Lake and Peninsula	Kokhanok School	Kokhanok	PK	12	74.45	***
Lake and Peninsula	Lakeview Home School	King Salmon	KG	12	87.34	****
Lake and Peninsula	Levelock School	Levelock	PK	12	81.81	***
Lake and Peninsula	Meshik School	Port Heiden	PK	12	77.75	***
Lake and Peninsula	Newhalen School	Iliamna	PK	12	83.77	***
Lake and Peninsula	Nondalton School	Nondalton	PK	12	70.95	***
Lake and Peninsula	Perryville School	Perryville	PK	12	73.60	***
Lake and Peninsula	Pilot Point School	Pilot Point	PK	12	71.65	***
Lake and Peninsula	Tanalian School	Port Alsworth	PK	12	90.63	****
Lower Kuskokwim	Akiuk Memorial School	Kasigluk	PK	12	59.33	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Akula Elitnaurvik School	Kasigluk	PK	12	56.89	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Anna Tobeluk Memorial School	Nunapitchuk	PK	12	51.77	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Arviq School	Platinum	KG	12	74.55	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik	Kongiganak	PK	12	57.12	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Ayaprun Elitnaurvik	Bethel	PK	6	75.77	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Ayaprun School	Newtok	PK	12	58.82	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Bethel Regional High School	Bethel	6	12	68.49	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Bethel Youth Facility	Bethel	5	12	28.90	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Chaputnguak School	Chefornak	PK	12	52.03	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Chief Paul Memorial School	Kipnuk	PK	12	66.17	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Eek School	Eek	PK	12	65.20	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Gladys Jung Elementary	Bethel	3	6	70.10	***

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Lower Kuskokwim	Joann A. Alexie Memorial School	Atmautluak	PK	12	48.45	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Ket'acik/Aapalluk Memorial School	Kwethluk	PK	12	51.22	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Kuinerrarmiut Elitnaurviat	Quinhagak	PK	12	63.44	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Kuskokwim Learning Academy	Bethel	8	12	47.94	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Kwigillingok School	Kwigillingok	PK	12	67.62	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Lewis Angapak Memorial School	Tuntutuliak	PK	12	50.69	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Mikelnguut Elitnaurviat (Gladys Jung)	Bethel	PK	2	70.10	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Negtemiut Elitnaurviat School	Nightmute	PK	12	59.40	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Nelson Island Area School	Toksook Bay	PK	12	49.64	*
Lower Kuskokwim	Nuniwarmiut School	Mekoryuk	PK	12	81.57	***
Lower Kuskokwim	Paul T. Albert Memorial School	Tununak	PK	12	56.29	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Qugcuun Memorial School	Napaskiak	PK	12	62.70	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Rocky Mountain School	Goodnews Bay	PK	12	71.15	***
Lower Kuskokwim	William Miller Memorial School	Napaskiak	PK	12	60.80	**
Lower Kuskokwim	Z. John Williams Memorial School	Napaskiak	PK	12	60.17	**
Lower Yukon	Alakanuk School	Alakanuk	PK	12	52.52	*
Lower Yukon	Emmonak School	Emmonak	PK	12	62.03	**
Lower Yukon	Hooper Bay School	Hooper Bay	PK	12	48.23	*
Lower Yukon	Ignatius Beans School	Mountain Village	PK	12	55.60	**
Lower Yukon	Kotlik School	Kotlik	PK	12	58.78	**
Lower Yukon	Marshall School	Marshall	PK	12	43.55	*
Lower Yukon	Pilot Station School	Pilot Station	PK	12	50.38	*
Lower Yukon	Russian Mission School	Russian Mission	PK	12	56.83	**
Lower Yukon	Scammon Bay School	Scammon Bay	PK	12	64.11	**
Lower Yukon	Sheldon Point School	Sheldon Point	PK	12	60.14	**
Matanuska-Susitna	Academy Charter School	Palmer	KG	8	96.65	*****
Matanuska-Susitna	Alaska Middle College School	Eagle River	11	12	92.50	****
Matanuska-Susitna	American Charter Academy	Wasilla	2	12	83.73	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Beryozova School	Palmer	KG	12	86.85	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Big Lake Elementary	Big Lake	PK	5	77.02	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Birchtree Charter School	Palmer	KG	8	87.92	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Burchell High School	Wasilla	9	12	55.94	**
Matanuska-Susitna	Butte Elementary	Palmer	PK	5	87.86	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Colony High School	Palmer	9	12	91.93	****

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Matanuska-Susitna	Colony Middle School	Palmer	6	8	92.84	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Cottonwood Creek Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	85.45	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Finger Lake Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	90.67	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Fred and Sara Machetanz Elementary School	Wasilla	PK	5	93.74	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Fronteras Charter School	Wasilla	KG	8	94.42	*****
Matanuska-Susitna	Glacier View School	Sutton	KG	12	87.16	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Goose Bay Elementary (Knik Elem.)	Wasilla	PK	2	85.48	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Houston High School	Big Lake	9	12	78.17	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Houston Middle School	Houston	6	8	75.41	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Iditarod Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	83.16	***
Matanuska-Susitna	John Shaw Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	90.40	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Knik Elementary School	Wasilla	3	5	85.48	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Larson Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	88.13	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Mat-Su Career & Tech Ed High School	Wasilla	9	12	96.35	*****
Matanuska-Susitna	Mat-Su Central School	Wasilla	KG	12	82.78	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Mat-Su Day School	Wasilla	KG	12	64.87	**
Matanuska-Susitna	Mat-Su Youth Facility	Palmer	6	12	42.65	*
Matanuska-Susitna	Meadow Lakes Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	85.98	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Midnight Sun Family Learning Center	Wasilla	KG	8	94.30	*****
Matanuska-Susitna	Palmer High School	Palmer	9	12	82.93	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Palmer Middle School	Palmer	6	8	87.25	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Pioneer Peak Elementary	Palmer	PK	5	89.88	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Sherrod Elementary	Palmer	3	5	94.55	*****
Matanuska-Susitna	Snowshoe Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	86.36	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Susitna Valley High	Talkeetna	7	12	89.24	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Sutton Elementary	Sutton	KG	5	80.97	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Swanson Elementary (Sherrod Elem.)	Palmer	PK	2	94.55	*****
Matanuska-Susitna	Talkeetna Elementary	Talkeetna	PK	6	83.99	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Tanaina Elementary	Wasilla	PK	5	87.32	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Teeland Middle School	Wasilla	6	8	87.94	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Trapper Creek Elementary	Trapper Creek	PK	6	83.96	***
Matanuska-Susitna	Twindly Bridge Charter School	Wasilla	KG	12	90.41	****
Matanuska-Susitna	Valley Pathways	Palmer	9	12	54.35	*
Matanuska-Susitna	Wasilla High School	Wasilla	9	12	77.77	***

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Matanuska-Susitna	Willow Elementary	Willow	PK	6	87.12	****
Mount Edgecumbe	Mt. Edgecumbe High School	Sitka	9	12	91.26	****
Nenana	CyberLynx Correspondence Program	Nenana	PK	12	74.88	***
Nenana	Nenana City School	Nenana	KG	12	77.26	***
Nome	Anvil City Science Academy	Nome	5	8	97.70	*****
Nome	Extensions Correspondence	Nome	KG	12	92.07	****
Nome	Nome Elementary	Nome	PK	6	80.92	***
Nome	Nome Youth Facility	Nome	5	12	48.38	*
Nome	Nome-Beltz Jr/Sr High	Nome	7	12	70.20	***
North Slope	Alak School	Wainwright	PK	12	63.70	**
North Slope	Barrow High School	Barrow	9	12	82.75	***
North Slope	Eben Hopson Middle School	Barrow	6	8	69.64	***
North Slope	Fred Ipalook Elementary	Barrow	PK	5	70.47	***
North Slope	Harold Kaveolook School	Kaktovik	PK	12	76.77	***
North Slope	Kali School	Point Lay	PK	12	61.93	**
North Slope	Kiita Learning Community	Barrow	9	12	18.98	*
North Slope	Meade River School	Atkasuk	PK	12	50.35	*
North Slope	Nuiqsut Trapper School	Nuiqsut	PK	12	48.60	*
North Slope	Nunamiut School	Anaktuvuk Pass	PK	12	52.03	*
North Slope	Tikigaq School	Point Hope	PK	12	55.40	**
Northwest Arctic	Ambler School	Ambler	PK	12	61.58	**
Northwest Arctic	Aqqaluk High/Noorvik Elementary	Noorvik	PK	12	59.82	**
Northwest Arctic	Buckland School	Buckland	PK	12	72.27	***
Northwest Arctic	Davis-Ramoth School	Selawik	PK	12	43.35	*
Northwest Arctic	Deering School	Deering	PK	12	84.51	***
Northwest Arctic	June Nelson Elementary	Kotzebue	PK	5	80.77	***
Northwest Arctic	Kiana School	Kiana	PK	12	53.45	*
Northwest Arctic	Kobuk School	Kobuk	PK	12	61.21	**
Northwest Arctic	Kotzebue Middle/High School	Kotzebue	6	12	65.04	***
Northwest Arctic	McQueen School	Kivalina	PK	12	46.71	*
Northwest Arctic	Napaaqtugmiut School	Noatak	PK	12	64.89	**
Northwest Arctic	Shungnak School	Shungnak	PK	12	47.00	*
Pelican	Pelican School	Pelican	KG	12	80.32	***

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Petersburg	Mitkof Middle School	Petersburg	6	8	93.03	****
Petersburg	Petersburg High School	Petersburg	9	12	84.50	***
Petersburg	Rae C. Stedman Elementary	Petersburg	PK	5	91.71	****
Pribilof	St George School	St George	PK	10	85.56	****
Pribilof	St Paul School	St. Paul	PK	12	84.37	***
Saint Mary's	Saint Mary's School	Saint Mary's	PK	12	76.42	***
Sitka	Baranof Elementary (Keet Gooshi Heen)	Sitka	PK	1	93.55	****
Sitka	Blatchley Middle School	Sitka	6	8	88.55	****
Sitka	Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary	Sitka	2	5	93.55	****
Sitka	Pacific High School	Sitka	9	12	46.44	*
Sitka	Sitka Correspondence	Sitka	KG	12	86.15	****
Sitka	Sitka High School	Sitka	9	12	73.68	***
Skagway	Skagway School	Skagway	PK	12	92.58	****
Southeast Island	Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan School	Kasaan	PK	12	86.00	****
Southeast Island	Edna Bay School	Edna Bay	PK	12	98.99	*****
Southeast Island	Hollis School	Hollis	PK	12	76.78	***
Southeast Island	Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School	Coffman Cove	PK	12	92.43	****
Southeast Island	Naukati School	Naukati	PK	12	83.92	***
Southeast Island	Port Alexander School	Port Alexander	PK	12	96.56	*****
Southeast Island	Port Protection School	Port Protection	PK	12	94.50	*****
Southeast Island	Thorne Bay School	Thorne Bay	PK	12	92.34	****
Southeast Island	Whale Pass School	Whale Pass	PK	12	80.88	***
Southwest Region	Aleknagik School	Aleknagik	KG	8	79.95	***
Southwest Region	Chief Ivan Blunka School	New Stuyahok	PK	12	63.27	**
Southwest Region	Koliganek School	Koliganek	KG	12	75.30	***
Southwest Region	Manokotak School	Manokotak	PK	12	65.88	***
Southwest Region	Togiak School	Togiak	PK	12	53.00	*
Southwest Region	Twin Hills School	Twin Hills	PK	8	45.42	*
Southwest Region	William "Sonny" Nelson School	Ekwok	PK	8	54.68	*
Tanana	Maudrey J. Sommer School	Tanana	PK	12	65.46	***
Unalaska	Eagle's View Elementary School	Unalaska	PK	6	91.41	****
Unalaska	Unalaska Jr/Sr High School	Unalaska	7	12	95.43	*****
Valdez	George H. Gilson Middle School	Valdez	6	8	91.09	****
Valdez	Hermon Hutchens Elementary	Valdez	PK	5	86.64	****

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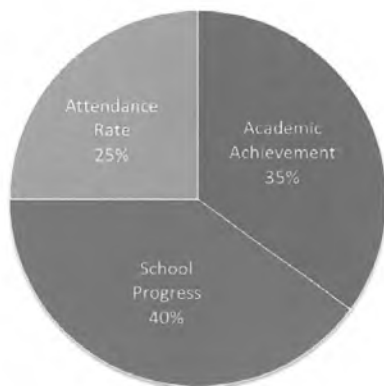
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Valdez	Valdez High School	Valdez	9	12	89.22	****
Wrangell	Alaska Virtual Academy	Wrangell	KG	8	87.40	****
Wrangell	Evergreen Elementary	Wrangell	PK	5	89.51	****
Wrangell	Stikine Middle School	Wrangell	6	8	95.60	*****
Wrangell	Wrangell High School	Wrangell	9	12	87.66	****
Yakutat	Yakutat Home School	Yakutat	KG	12	99.23	*****
Yakutat	Yakutat School	Yakutat	PK	12	91.20	****
Yukon Flats	Arctic Village School	Arctic Village	PK	12	48.65	*
Yukon Flats	Circle School	Circle	PK	12	73.28	***
Yukon Flats	Cruikshank School	Beaver	PK	12	96.12	*****
Yukon Flats	Fort Yukon School	Fort Yukon	PK	12	69.60	***
Yukon Flats	John Fredson School	Venetie	PK	12	56.74	**
Yukon Flats	Stevens Village School	Stevens Village	PK	12	54.30	*
Yukon Flats	Tsuk Taih School	Chalkyitsik	PK	12	68.26	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Allakaket School	Allakaket	PK	12	73.43	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Andrew K. Demoski School	Nulato	PK	12	78.46	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Ella B. Vernetti School	Koyukuk	PK	10	62.94	**
Yukon-Koyukuk	Gladys Dart School	Manley Hot Springs	KG	12	83.65	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Jimmy Huntington School	Huslia	PK	12	79.25	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Johnny Oldman School	Hughes	KG	12	65.55	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Kaltag School	Kaltag	PK	12	67.37	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Merrelaine A Kangas School	Ruby	PK	12	74.40	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Minto School	Minto	PK	12	76.98	***
Yukon-Koyukuk	Raven Correspondence School	Fairbanks	PK	12	78.30	***
Yupiit	Akiachak School	Akiachak	PK	12	43.26	*
Yupiit	Akiak School	Akiak	PK	12	56.04	**
Yupiit	Tuluksak School	Tuluksak	PK	12	38.77	*



Alaska School Performance Index (ASPI)

ASPI Elementary/Middle School Indicator Weightings for Students in Grades K-8



Star Ratings	ASPI Score
★★★★★	94-100
★★★★	85-93.99
★★★	65-84.99
★★	55-64.99
★	0-54.99

ASPI Indicators

Academic Achievement

- Percent of students proficient or above for all students tested on state reading, writing, and mathematics assessments.
- For schools not meeting 95% participation rate, all non-tested students are considered not proficient.

School Progress

- Progress from previous year's SBAs measured by Growth & Proficiency Index.
- Includes all students and four primary subgroups (at least five students): AK Native, Econ Dis, LEP, & Disabilities).
- Each subgroup included represents 10% of overall progress points; all-students group represents the remaining percentage to total 100%.

Attendance Rate

- Based on attendance rate for a school.

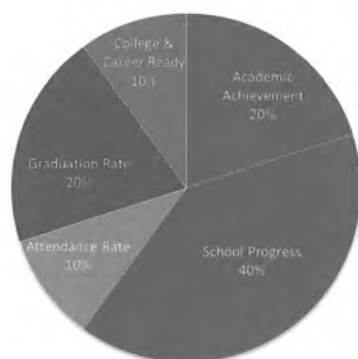
Graduation Rate

- Based on the greater of the school's 4-year or 5-year adjusted cohort for all-students group.

College & Career Ready

- Points for test scores on ACT, SAT and WorkKeys certificates by seniors; average scores of all 12th-graders participating (*weighted at 8%*).
- Participation rate for WorkKeys assessment for 11th-graders enrolled on October 1 (*weighted at 2%*).

ASPI High School Indicator Weightings for Students in Grades 9-12



ASPI Score Calculations based on grades of student enrollment

Grades K-8 only: 100% based on Elementary/Middle Grades indicators

Grades 9-12 only: 100% based on High School indicators

Grades K-12: Apply E/M indicators and HS indicators proportional to the percentage of students enrolled in each grade span (K-8 & 9-12) in school (includes any combination of students in some E/M and some HS grades)



Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) Targets

Goal: Over six years, to reduce by one-half the percentage of students not proficient in reading, writing, and math.

AMO Targets for Reading, Writing and Math

- Set by EED for state, district, and schools.
 - All-students group.
 - All subgroups with five or more students (Econ dis, LEP, disabilities, and all six ethnic groups).
- Includes:
 - Full-academic-year students only.
 - LEP and SWD students for two years after exit.
 - 1% cap for SWDs who take alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards.
- Must meet 95% participation rate.
- Must meet graduation rate targets and attendance rate targets for all- students group and each subgroup.

Targets Met if:

- Individual school or district meets its AMO target, or
- School or district meets state AMO target



AMO Target Example	
% proficient 2012	76%
% not proficient 2012 (100% - 76%)	24%
Percentage to reduce by half (24% / 2)	12%
Equal increment over 6 years (12% / 2)	2%
2013 Target (76% + 2%)	78%
2014 Target	80%
2015 Target	82%
2016 Target	84%
2017 Target	86%
2018 Target	88%

Progress in meeting AMO Targets

- Reported annually by EED for each school and district, and the state
- Progress in meeting AMO targets used for:
 - Consideration of designating schools as Priority or Focus schools.
 - Requirement for designation as Reward school.
 - Determines areas of need for school improvement plan if 3-star, 4-star, or 5-star school is not making progress in meeting AMO or graduation rate targets for school as a whole or in subgroups.

Alaska School Performance Index (ASPI)

Worksheet Explanation

This document describes the Alaska School Performance Index (ASPI) worksheet used to provide data for each public school in the State of Alaska. This document is designed to help describe the components on the ASPI worksheet that can be found online at the Department of Education & Early Development website.

ASPI Rating: Located in the upper left side of the worksheet. This is a star representation of the overall ASPI rating for the school. The ratings go from 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rating.

Name of District/School: The School District name is located on the left side above the chart and the School name is located in the center above the chart.

School Grade Span: Located in the upper right side of the worksheet, just above the chart. This indicates the official grade span served by the school regardless as to whether the school has students in each grade level this year.

Note: The worksheet chart is broken into three sections: Participation Rate, K-8 Performance and 9-12 Performance. Each section is bordered by a thick, black line to help identify one section from another. The following fields are all located in the chart sections.

Participation Rate: The Participation Rate is calculated at the school level only and it drives the calculation used for the Achievement score. If the school meets or exceeds 95% participation in the standardized tests, only the students who assessed are included in the calculation for the Achievement score. If the school does not meet 95% participation, any students who were not assessed but were enrolled will be counted as not proficient in the Achievement score calculation. If a school has 40 or fewer students enrolled in the assessed grades (3-10), the requirements for participation are satisfied if two or fewer students do not participate in the state assessments.

Number Enrolled: Reports the number of students who were enrolled in the tested grades (3-10) on the first day of testing as reported in the Participation Rate file submitted to the department by each district.

Number Tested: Reports the number of students who tested in at least one content area (Reading, Writing, or Math).

Participation Rate: Calculated by dividing the number of students tested by the number of students enrolled.

Met Participation Rate: Indicates if the school met 95% participation based on the number of students enrolled and tested. This also takes into consideration the accommodation for schools with 40 or fewer students enrolled in the tested grades.

Factors for K–8 Performance:

Academic Achievement:

Count Proficient: Reports the number of students who were proficient in this content area (Reading, Writing, or Math).

Percent Proficient: Reports percent of proficient students calculated by dividing the number of proficient students in this content area by the number of students who tested in this content area (Reading, Writing, or Math).

Achievement Score: If the school has “Yes” in the “Met Participation Rate” cell, this field is calculated by dividing the count of students who were proficient in reading, plus those proficient in writing, plus those proficient in math divided by the number of student

who tested in reading, plus those who tested in writing, plus those who tested in math. If the school has “No” in the “Met Participation Rate” cell, the denominator is increased by the number of students who were enrolled on the first day of testing, but did not test in reading, plus the number who did not test in writing, plus the number who did not test in math.

School Progress: This element looks at student test scores over two consecutive years to see if there is improvement (growth) in their scores. It is calculated for all students in this grade span and is also calculated separately for the following four subgroups: Alaska Native, Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and LEP (Limited English Proficient) in this grade span. A subgroup must have at least five eligible students assessed in one or more subjects in order to be considered. See *Appendix A* for a more detailed description of the school progress indicator.

Attendance Rate: Calculated by taking the combined Aggregate Days of Attendance for all students in grades K-8 divided by the combined Aggregate Days of membership for all students in grades K-8 as reported in the Summer OASIS file submitted to the department by each district.

Points: Represents the raw score out of 100 based on the school’s performance on the element.

Weighting: Reflects the degree of weight assigned to the element (e.g., the multiplier for Academic Achievement is 0.35; therefore, in most schools that serve grades K-8, Academic Achievement will be worth 35% of the total score).

ASPI Points: Reports the final ASPI points earned in this area. This is calculated by multiplying the Points by the Weighting.

Total K-8 Points: Calculated by taking the sum of ASPI points, and dividing by the sum of the multipliers times 100. *Formula: sum of ASPI Points / (sum of multipliers * 100)*

Factors for 9-12 Performance:

Academic Achievement:

Count Proficient: Reports the number of students who were proficient in this content area (Reading, Writing or Math).

Percent Proficient: Reports percent of proficient students calculated by dividing the number of proficient students in this content area by the number of students who tested in this content area (Reading, Writing, or Math).

Achievement Score: If the school has “Yes” in the “Met Participation Rate” cell, this field is calculated by dividing the count of students who were proficient in reading, plus those proficient in writing, plus those proficient in math divided by the number of student who tested in reading, plus those who tested in writing, plus those who tested in math. If the school has “No” in the “Met Participation Rate” cell, the denominator is increased by the number of students who were enrolled on the first day of testing, but did not test in reading, plus the number who did not test in writing, plus the number who did not test in math.

School Progress: This element looks at student test scores over two consecutive years to see if there is improvement (growth) in their scores. It is calculated for all students in this grade span and is also calculated separately for the following four subgroups: Alaska Native, Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities, and LEP (Limited English Proficient) in this grade span. A subgroup must have at least five eligible students assessed in one or more subjects in order to be considered. See *Appendix A* for a more detailed description of the school progress indicator.

Attendance Rate: Calculated by taking the combined Aggregate Days of Attendance for all students in grades 9-12 divided by the combined Aggregate Days of membership for all students in grades 9-12 as reported in the Summer OASIS file submitted to the department by each district.

Graduation Rate: The score may be based on either the 4- or 5-year cohort rate, depending on which rate yields the higher ASPI score.

4 Year: Calculated by dividing the number of graduates in the 4-year cohort group by the number of students in the 4-year cohort group.

5 Year: Calculated by dividing the number of graduates in the 5-year cohort group by the number of students in the 5-year cohort group.

If either the 4- or 5-year cohort group contains 0, 1, or 2 students then the graduation rate of the other cohort group will automatically yield the ASPI score. If both cohort groups contain 0, 1, or 2 students then Graduation Rate will not be considered as part of the school's overall ASPI score.

College Career Readiness: Calculated by dividing the combined value of all grade 12 student college and career readiness scores divided by the combined count of grade 12 students who attempted any qualifying test.

- Qualifying tests are WorkKeys, ACT, and SAT. WorkKeys certificates may be earned through multiple test administrations. ACT and SAT scores are based on the highest composite score from a single test administration.
- School roster includes all 12th grade students enrolled at the school on October 1 of the given school year as reported in the Fall OASIS file submitted to the department by each district.
- If a student attempts multiple different tests, the test score leading to the highest number of ASPI points will be used.
- If no 12th grade students attempted a qualifying test, the school will be assigned a null value for College Career Readiness.

WorkKeys Participation: Calculated by dividing the number of 11th grade students enrolled on October 1 of the given year who attempted the WorkKeys assessment by the number of 11th grade students enrolled on October 1 of the given year. October 1 counts are obtained from the Fall OASIS file submitted to the department by each district.

Points: Represents the raw score out of 100 based on the school's performance on the element.

Weighting: Reflects the degree of weight assigned to the element (*e.g.*, the multiplier for Academic Achievement is 0.20; therefore, in most schools that serve grades 9-12, Academic Achievement will be worth 20% of the total score).

ASPI Points: Reports the final ASPI points earned in this area. This is calculated by multiplying the Points by the Weighting.

Total 9-12 Points: Calculated by taking the sum of ASPI points, and dividing by the sum of the multipliers times 100. *Formula: sum of ASPI Points / (sum of Weightings * 100)*

The following fields are located below the final chart section on the lower right corner.

K-8 Enrollment Ratio: Represents the percentage of students enrolled in grades K-8. This is calculated by dividing the number of students enrolled in grades K-8 by the total number of students enrolled in K-12.

9-12 Enrollment Ratio: Represents the percentage of students enrolled in grades 9-12. This is calculated by dividing the number of students enrolled in grades 9-12 by the total number of students enrolled in K-12.

ASPI Score: The ASPI score is calculated by multiplying the K-8 ASPI score by the percent of the school enrollment that is represented by students in grades K-8 plus the 9-12 ASPI score multiplied by the percent of the school enrollment that is represented by students in grades 9-12.

Appendix A: School Progress

The school progress indicator utilizes the index score methodology (formerly “AKSPIP”), with the modified score tables, later developed for the Moore Settlement.

An index score is developed for the all students group and up to four subgroups: Alaska Native/American Indian, Economically Disadvantage, Students with Disabilities, and Limited English Proficient (LEP). A subgroup must have at least five eligible students assessed in one or more subjects in order to be considered.

The index scores for the All Students group and the subgroups are individually capped at 100, then the scores weighted as follows:

- Each eligible subgroup is weighted at 10% of the assigned score
- The All Students group is weighted in accordance with the number of eligible subgroups
 - No eligible subgroups: All Students = 100% of score
 - One eligible subgroup: All Students = 90% of score
 - Two eligible subgroups: All Students = 80% of score
 - Three eligible subgroups: All Students = 70% of score
 - Four eligible subgroups: All Students = 60% of score

A sample of how school progress points are calculated:

Group	Index	Weight	Points
All Students	96.42	70%	67.49
AN/AI	103.13	10%	10.00
Econ Dis	98.85	10%	9.89
LEP	64.17	10%	6.42
Total			93.80

In this sample, there are three eligible subgroups, so the all students group is weighted at 70%. The Alaska Native/American Indian group has a score exceeding 100, so that score is capped at 100 points *prior to weighting*. After all the weights are applied, this school would have a score in the ASPI School Progress indicator of 93.80 points.

Index Score Methodology

Index scores are assigned by subject at the student level if the following conditions are met:

- The student received a valid subject score on the SBA in both the current year and the prior year
- The student has progressed one grade from the previous year
 - *e.g.*, a student who was administered the grade six test in the current year must have been administered the grade five test in the previous year to be included in the growth calculation
- The student was enrolled in the same school for the full academic year
 - Full academic year is defined as October 1 until the first day of the Statewide testing period.

Student performance is divided into seven proficiency level categories, ranging from **Far Below Proficient Minus** to **Advanced**. Point values are assigned by subject at the student level as follows:

Prior Year Level	Current Year Level						
	FBP-	FBP+	BP-	BP+	Pro	Pro+	Adv
FBP-	60	90	120	150	180	205	230
FBP+	40	70	100	130	160	185	210
BP-	20	50	80	110	140	165	190
BP+	0	30	60	90	120	145	170
Pro	0	10	40	70	100	125	150
Pro+	0	0	20	50	80	105	130
Adv	0	0	0	30	60	85	110

Proficiency levels are dependent on the subject area, student scale score, and grade level.

Reading Proficiency Level	Grade Level							
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Advanced	392-600	415-600	418-600	394-600	406-600	402-600	382-600	400-600
Proficient Plus	346-391	358-414	358-417	347-393	353-405	351-401	341-381	350-399
Proficient	300-345	300-357	300-357	300-346	300-352	300-350	300-340	300-349
Below Proficient Plus	281-299	280-299	276-299	267-299	273-299	272-299	265-299	261-299
Below Proficient Minus	261-280	260-279	251-275	234-266	246-272	243-271	229-264	222-260
Far Below Proficient Plus	241-260	240-259	226-250	201-233	219-245	214-242	197-228	183-221
Far Below Proficient Minus	100-240	100-239	100-225	100-200	100-218	100-213	100-196	100-182

Writing Proficiency Level	Grade Level							
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Advanced	402-600	420-600	406-600	396-600	423-600	460-600	470-600	485-600
Proficient Plus	351-401	360-419	353-405	348-395	362-422	380-459	385-469	393-484
Proficient	300-350	300-359	300-352	300-347	300-361	300-379	300-384	300-392
Below Proficient Plus	259-299	252-299	244-299	257-299	267-299	266-299	269-299	267-299
Below Proficient Minus	218-258	204-251	187-243	215-256	234-266	232-265	238-268	233-266
Far Below Proficient Plus	177-217	156-203	130-186	173-214	201-233	198-231	207-237	199-232
Far Below Proficient Minus	100-176	100-155	100-129	100-172	100-200	100-197	100-206	100-198

Math Proficiency Level	Grade Level							
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Advanced	390-600	383-600	373-600	376-600	383-600	379-600	370-600	392-600
Proficient Plus	345-389	342-382	336-372	338-375	342-382	339-378	335-369	346-391
Proficient	300-344	300-341	300-335	300-337	300-341	300-338	300-334	300-345
Below Proficient Plus	282-299	280-299	276-299	279-299	274-299	279-299	279-299	276-299
Below Proficient Minus	263-281	260-279	252-275	258-278	248-273	258-278	258-278	252-275
Far Below Proficient Plus	235-262	230-259	216-251	227-257	209-247	227-257	227-257	216-251
Far Below Proficient Minus	100-234	100-229	100-215	100-226	100-208	100-226	100-226	100-215

Sample Population

Sample School is calculating its K-8 Economically Disadvantaged growth score based on the following student data:

Reading	Grade Yr 1	RSS Yr 1	R Prof Yr 1	Grade Yr 2	RSS Yr 2	R Prof Yr 2	Score
Student 1	6	318	Pro	7	363	Pro+	125
Student 2	4	302	Pro	5	248	FBP+	10
Student 3	7	297	BP+	8	303	Pro	120
Student 4	7	413	Adv	8	380	Pro+	85
Student 5	3	165	FBP-	3	265	BP-	n/a
Student 6	3	315	Pro	4	322	Pro	100
Student 7	5	360	Pro+	6	336	Pro	80

Writing	Grade Yr 1	WSS Yr 1	W Prof Yr 1	Grade Yr 2	WSS Yr 2	W Prof Yr 2	Score
Student 1	6	343	Pro	7	326	Pro	100
Student 2	4	302	Pro	5	316	Pro	100
Student 3	7	302	Pro	8	292	BP+	70
Student 4	7	376	Pro+	8	376	Pro	80
Student 5	3	198	FBP+	3	202	FBP+	n/a
Student 6	3	278	BP+	4	250	BP-	80
Student 7	5	440	Adv	6	absent	n/a	n/a

Math	Grade Yr 1	MSS Yr 1	M Prof Yr 1	Grade Yr 2	MSS Yr 2	M Prof Yr 2	Score
Student 1	6	306	Pro	7	270	BP-	40
Student 2	4	invalid	n/a	5	302	Pro	n/a
Student 3	7	296	BP+	8	290	BP+	90
Student 4	7	440	Adv	8	468	Adv	110
Student 5	3	220	FBP-	3	244	FBP+	n/a
Student 6	3	248	FBP+	4	280	BP+	130
Student 7	5	348	Pro+	6	360	Pro+	105

*RSS, WSS, and MSS represent the subject level scale scores.

Student 5 repeated 3rd grade and does not receive any subject score in any subject area. Student 2's math assessment was invalidated in the prior year, so a subject score is only calculated in reading and writing for this student. Student 7 was absent during the current year's writing assessment, so a subject score is only calculated in reading and math for this student.

In total:

- Six students received a combined 520 points in reading
- Five students received a combined 430 points in writing
- Five students received a combined 475 points in math

The growth score for this subgroup is equal to the total sum of valid subject scores divided by the combined count of subject scores.

$$(520 + 430 + 475) / (6 + 5 + 5) = 1425 / 16 = 89.06$$

The raw index value for the K-8 Economically Disadvantaged subgroup is **89.06**.



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State Capitol, Room 422
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: House Bill 320

Dear Representative Tuck,

We would like to support your efforts to exempt teachers at low performing schools from jury duty with House Bill 320. Teachers who are chosen for jury duty on a trial can be absent from class for a week, a month, or even longer. Even being called to report for duty, then not being selected as part of the jury, generally takes a full day from work due to the distance from our schools to the courthouse. It is also difficult to schedule events and activities when a teacher is limited by a three-month commitment to be ready for any potential trial.

We appreciate your efforts to realign this important legislation to changes in how we determine failing schools. Even if we never have cause to rely on this legislation for our district, it is just common sense to keep our teachers in front of students at our most challenging schools in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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LAUREN BURCH
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February 27, 2014

Senator Berta Gardner
State Capitol, Room 417
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Gardner,

I am writing on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to support Senate Bill 184 that if passed, will direct the Department of Education and Early Development to develop regulations defining low performing schools for purposes of jury duty exemption for teachers.

When considering all the variables that affect a student's learning at school, it is common to conclude that quality instruction by a well-trained teacher is the most important one. We are fortunate on the Kenai to have good teachers who provide such instruction. Despite our best efforts to secure and train substitute teachers, a teacher's absence from school is one that we seek to avoid. While occasional absences by teachers are expected, a prolonged absence due to jury duty can have a negative effect on our students' learning. It is for this reason that KPBSD supports SB184. Further, the students who attend our fly-in schools, which have a smaller substitute teacher pool to draw from, are disproportionately impacted by a long absence. In sum, we need to do all that we can to ensure that we offer our students the very best experience on each and every school day. SB184 will help us do this.

Thank you for introducing SB184. Please let me know if I can provide further support for this important bill.

Sincerely,

Steve Atwater, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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To: Honorable Senator Gardner

From: Joseph H. Murray
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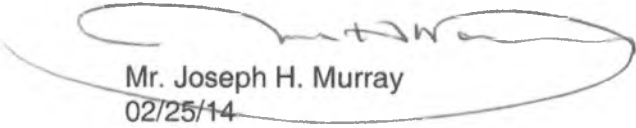
Re: SB 184 - Jury Duty Exemption for Certain Teachers

Senator Gardner,

The Leadership of the Bering Strait School District (BSSD) supports the spirit of SB 184 - Jury Duty Exemption for Certain Teachers. It is our position that teachers in low or under performing schools need to be in the classroom teaching, not flying into a courthouse somewhere to sit through the Jury selection process, or if selected as a juror be absent from the classroom. The instructional time of teachers working in under performing schools needs to be protected and we see SB-184 being a mechanism for protecting teacher time on task in these under performing schools.

If I can be of further assistance in supporting this bill please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Mr. Joseph H. Murray

02/25/14

The Mission of the Bering Strait School District is to educate students to become self-sufficient and responsible citizens through quality programs that express high expectations for all in a safe environment which respects our children's heritage.