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A. Educational Experience

1999	Master of Science in Education in Information Technology Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon
1977-2000	Continuing Education University of Alaska Fairbanks, Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Southeast, Miami University (Ohio)
1975	BA Elementary Education, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

B. Teaching Experience

1989-1999	Iditarod Elementary School, Wasilla, Alaska	1st grade
1986-1989	Talkeetna Elementary School, Talkeetna, Alaska	Kdg., 1st
1976-1985	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Arizona and Alaska Bering Straits School District and North Slope Borough School District	Kdg.-8th

C. Other Work Experience

February 2001 to present Teacher Certification Administrator

August 1999 to February 2001 Science Education Specialist, Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

D. Honors Received

1999	Nominated BP Teacher of Excellence
1998	Achieved National Board Certification as an Early Childhood Generalist
1998-97	Nominated BP Teacher of Excellence
1996	Citation from City of Wasilla
1995	Presidential Awardee: Elementary Science
1994	Finalist Mat-Su Borough Teacher of the Year
1993	State Finalist PAEMST

E. Grants Written, Awarded and Administered

1998	PTA Grant for Field Trips
1994	ASTF Grant: Wee Weather Watchers
1992	ASTF Grant: Nature Trail and Garden
1991	Teacher Incentive Grant (AKDOE): Bringing It Home: The Math/Science Connection
1990	District Grant: Cooperative Learning in Science

F. Published Articles

1998	SEPA Journal: *The Locomotion: Force and Motion for Primary Students*
1997	SEPA Journal: *Exploring Color and Light for Primary*
1993	Great Northern Science Book: *The Leaf Project and Parent/Child Night*

G. Professional Organizations

Council of State Science Supervisors
Alaska Science Teachers' Association: President 1997-to 1999, Newsletter Editor 1995-1997
National Science Teachers' Association: Member Preschool Elementary Standing Committee
Member Editorial Review Panel, Science and Children
Delta Kappa Gamma
Association of Presidential Awardees in Science Teaching
Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees
Alaska Science Consortium: Executive Council Member: 1993-1998;
District Representative 1993 to 1999
District Science Curriculum Committee Member
Commissioner's Exemplary Educators Team Member
Point of Contact, NSTA Building a Presence for Science
Member of development/writing team for Alaska Science Performance Standards

H. Presentations, Workshops, Inservices, Credit Courses Taught

1. **Mat-Su Borough School District**
1991 to 1999
Primarily Yours: Science for Primary Teachers
Kitchen Cabinet Magic
Kinder Kemistry
Exploring Light and Sound
Introducing Process Skills
Simply Fun: Simple Machines in Primary Grades
Science in the Toybox

2. **State Conferences**
1992-to present
Where's the Science? Primary Restructuring Institute
Primary Science, South Central Leadership Academy
Doing What Scientists Do and Introducing the Alaska Science Consortium,
Integrating Math and Science, ASTA/ACTM Joint Conference
Winter Poetry, Developing Professional Practices
Implementing Standards Presentations at Quality Schools Institute
Through the Looking Glass: Connecting Science with Reading and Writing in the Primary Grades Alaska State Literacy Association Conference

3. **Alaska Science Consortium**
1994-present
Alaska Native Science Institute-Barrow
Early Childhood Institute, Sitka
Early Childhood Institute Mat-Su
Basic Institute (2 years), Fairbanks
Toybox Science Audio conference course statewide
TIMMS Presentation, Fairbanks
Fizz!!Pop!!BANG!!! Audio conference course statewide

4. **Regional and National Conferences**
1993-present
Discovering Junk, Learning Cycle Model Panel Member NSTA, Kansas City
Doing What Scientists Do, NSTA Global Summit, San Francisco
Share-a-thon, NSTA, New Orleans and Las Vegas
Integrating Math and Science NCTM Regional Conference, Anchorage
Science in the Toybox Audio conference course NSTA: Building a Presence for Science

5. **Credit Courses Taught**
   Kinder Kemistry—UAA
   Simply Fun: Simple Machines–UAA
   Science in the Toybox–UAS
   Toybox Science–UAF
   Fizz! Pop! BANG!– UAF
   *Curriculum Integration &*Mapping–UAS
   Translating Standards to Practice--UAS
   Curriculum Mapping—UAS
   Data Driven Decision Making–UAF

J. **Community Activities**
   Volunteer work
   Kids' Voting
   Judge State Science Fair
   Battle of the Books--Judge
   Palmer Public Library—Summer Reading Program
   Valley Performing Arts Center
   Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader for 6 years
   Community Clean-up Days
   Middle School Drama Program
   State Science Olympiad for Middle/High Schools--Judge
   Various PTA programs in my school and my children's schools

Diane Jacqueline Heard

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EDUCATION

1988 **University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska**
Master's Degree - Business Administration

1980 **Bowie State College, Bowie, Maryland**
Bachelor of Science - Business Administration
Major-Finance; Minor-Economics

EMPLOYMENT

1995-2000 **Executive Director - Alaska Women's Resource Center**
Anchorage, Alaska
Responsible for effective management and development of the Alaska Women's Resource Center in keeping with the AWRC mission for clients and staff and in keeping with the philosophy, plans, and policies of the Board of Directors. Responsible for insuring that AWRC was in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing the non-profit social service organization and its publicly funded programs.

1994-1995 **General Manager - KSKA Public Radio**
Anchorage, Alaska
Responsible for carrying out the goals and objectives of KSKA. Assumed overall responsibility for the supervision and evaluation of the staff. Provided leadership, direction, and inspiration. Directed all radio activities including administration, development, programming, production, news, and public affairs and community access. Represented KSKA with local, state, regional, and national organizations.

1989-1994 **Business Manager - KSKA Public Radio**
Anchorage, Alaska
Responsible for the administration and execution of the financial affairs of the station. Assisted the General Manager in preparation of annual budgets. Prepared monthly financial reports for the Board of Directors, General Manager, and department managers. Assumed responsibility for all bookkeeping/accounting functions of the station. Prepared necessary governmental reports as required

by the IRS, Department of Labor, and grant funding agencies. Interpreted financial documents and operations for management and board. Invested station's surplus cash, as directed by policy, to achieve maximum rate of return. Developed budget recommendations for the administrative portion of station budget and administered that section of the station budget. Attended monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. Became Acting General Manager in 1993; appointed General Manager in 1994.

1988-1989 **New York Life Insurance - Agent**
Anchorage, Alaska
Proposed and sold life and health insurance products to individuals and businesses.

1985-1988 **Boyko, Davis & Dennis - Comptroller**
Anchorage, Alaska
Responsible for accountability and auditability of financial records.

1981-1985 **KUAC Public Radio/Television - Accounting Clerk**
Fairbanks, Alaska
Responsible and accountable for maintaining auditable accounting records to ensure compliance with both University of Alaska guidelines and policies and funding agency regulations and restrictions.

AWARDS

- Recipient of the FBI's 1997 *Director's Community Leadership Award* for the State of Alaska.
- Recognized in 1997 by the Alaska State Federation of Business and Professional Women for Career Excellence and Outstanding Contributions to Community and State.

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- **Administrative Management Society**
  Anchorage Chapter Treasurer, 1990-1992
- **Eagle River Missionary Baptist Church**
  Chairman, Finance Department, 1990-1992

- **Anchorage YWCA**
  Board of Directors, 1992-1998
  Treasurer, 1993-1995
  Racial Justice Committee, 1997-Present
- **Anchorage Rotary**
  Downtown Member, 1994-Present
  Board of Directors, 1999-Present
  Treasurer, 2000-Present
- **Monday Night Football Widows Bowling League**
  President, 1996-1998
- **Chugiak Senior Citizens Center**
  Called Bingo, 1994-1997
- **Substance Abuse Directors Association of Alaska**
  Secretary, 1997-1999; President 1999-2000
- **Zonta Club of Anchorage**
  Member, 1997-Present
  Service Committee Chair, 1998
- **Business & Professional Women**
  North to the Future Chapter, 1998-Present
- **Anchorage Women's Commission**
  Mayoral Appointment, 1998-2001
- **Mabel T. Caverly Senior Center**
  DEAP Microgrant Evaluation Panel, 1999-Present
- **Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Athena Society**
  Member, 2000-Present

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Committee Report

Date: April 25, 2001

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Speaker Porter:

The House Special Committee on Education has reviewed the qualifications of the following individual and recommends that her name be forwarded to the House for consideration:

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Ms. Georgia (Sue) Cast of Bethel

Appointed: 10/31/1997 Reappointed: 07/01/2000 Term Expires: 07/01/2003

Rep. Bunde, Chair

Rep. Stevens

Rep. Porter

Rep. Joule

Rep. Green

Rep. Guess

Rep. Wilson

Nominee Analyses

A. Georgia (Sue) Cast:

1) Nominee to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission
2) Has served since October 31, 1997. Reappointed July 1, 2000 Term Expires in 2003.
3) Now provides special education services to incarcerated youth in Bethel.
4) Summers, 1990-2000: worked with the Lower Kuskokwim School District at the Bethel Youth Facility.
5) 1991 to 2000: taught special education at Bethel Regional School District.
6) 1987 - 1991: taught learning disabled, grades 1-6, in LKSD.
7) See resume for previous teaching experience.
8) B.S. in Special Education from University of Oklahoma
9) Past membership chair, Bethel Chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children; Past treasurer and membership chair, Lower Kuskokwim Teacher's Association; Member and Chair, Board of Directors of the Bethel Group Home Board.

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B. Patricia Truman:

1) Nominee to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission
2) Has served since October 1, 1997. Reappointed July 1, 2000. Term expires 2003.
3) Teacher of the Year -- came before committee re: competency test.
4) 1990 - present: Language Arts Teacher, Palmer Middle School
5) 1985 - 1990: Extended Learning Program, Palmer Middle School
6) 1983 - 1985: Reading Specialist, Fairbanks, AK
7) See resume for previous teaching experience to 1969.
8) B.S. in Elementary Ed. from Eastern Montana College,
9) Continuing Education 1975-1998
10) MSEA, National Council of Teachers of English, AK State Reading Association, AK State Writing Consortium, Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network
11) Academic Awards: Reader's Digest - DeWitt/Wallace Fellowship, Fulbright Teacher Award, BP Teacher of Excellence, National Board Certifies (1998).

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C. Diane Heard:

1) Nominee to the Board of Education and Early Development
2) Appointed January 2001. Term Expires January 2003.
3) 1995-2000: Executive Director, Women's Resource Center in Anchorage
4) 1994-1995: General Manager, KSKA Public Radio
5) 1989-1994: Business Manager, KSKA Public Radio
6) See resume for previous non-teaching work experience
7) B.S. in Business Administration, Bowie State College, MD
8) M.S. - Business Administration, UAF
9) 1997 Recipient of FBI Director's Community Leadership Award for Alaska.
10) Member, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Athena Society; DEAP Microgrant Evaluation Panel, Caverly Senior Center; Mayoral Appointee, Anchorage Women's Commission.

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D. Cynthia Curran:

1) Nominee to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission
2) Appointed March 2001, Term Expires March, 2003.
3) February 2001 to present - Teacher Certification Administrator, DoE
4) 1999- 2001: Science Education Specialist, DoE
5) 1989-1999: 1st grade teacher, Wasilla, AK
6) See resume for previous teaching experience.
7) 1999 BP Teacher of Excellence Nominee
8) National Board Certified, Early Childhood Generalist

in person

Truman, Patricia A.
Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Patricia A. Truman

RESIDES IN PALMER

Teacher of the Year. Flew down to testify before the committee re: Comp Test.

EDUCATION:

Bread Loaf School of English
Middlebury College/Lincoln College
Middlebury, Vermont/Oxford, England
Masters - English Literature/Fellowship
Summer - 1996-98

Lone Mountain College
San Francisco, California
Continuing Education - Accelerated Learning
Summer - 1988

Eastern Montana College
Billings, Montana
B.S. - Elementary Education
1973

University of Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska
Continuing Education - Writing
Summers - 1991 - 1995

University of Montana
Missoula, Montana
Continuing Education - Language Arts
Summers - 1975 - 1976

Carroll College
Helena, Montana
Undergraduate - Pre-med
1966-68

Professional Development/In-Service Training

a) Alaska State Writing Project
b) Project Teach/Classroom Management
c) Teaching Gifted in the Classroom
d) Analytical Writing Assessment
e) Writing Assessment Trainer
f) Here's Looking at You 200 (Substance Abuse Awareness)
g) Peer Mediation
h) Alternative Assessments
i) Performance Assessment
j) Technology in the Classroom
k) Mastery Learning
l) Paradigm Shift - OBE

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Palmer Junior Middle School
Palmer, Alaska
Language Arts - Eighth Grade
1990 - 1997

Fox Elementary School
Fairbanks, Alaska
Extended Learning/Reading Specialist
1981 - 1983

Bitterroot Elementary School
Shelby, Montana
Second Grade Teacher
1974 - 1976

PJMS - WMS
Palmer, Alaska
Extended Learning Program
1985-1990

Fort Yukon Elementary
Fort Yukon, Alaska
First/Second Grade Teacher
1978 - 1981

Rose Park Elementary
Billings, Montana
Second Grade Teacher
1973 - 1974

Weller Elementary School
Fairbanks, Alaska
Reading Specialist
1983 - 1985

Arlee Elementary School
Arlee, Montana
Second Grade Teacher
1977 - 1978

Sacred Heart Elementary
Miles City, Montana
Sixth Grade Teacher
1969 - 1971

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:

MSEA
1985 - 1998

Alaska State Reading Association
1981 - 1985

NCTE - National Council-Teachers of English
1985- 1998

Alaska State Writing Consortium
1983 - 1998

Professional Association Memberships (cont.)

Alaska Council of the Teachers of English
1995 - 1999

Bread Loaf Rural Teacher Network
(Project-based web-site consortium)
1996 - 1999

STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

Performance Assessment
In-service Instructor

Language Arts Curriculum Council Chair
District-wide Chair - 1995 - 1997
Member: 1988 - 1991 1994 - 1995

Management Team - PJMS
1995 - 1997

Language Arts Department Chair - PJMS
1993 - 1999

Rubric Development
In-service Instructor
1994/1999

Analytical Writing Assessment
In-service Instructor- 1993/1996/1999

Paradigm Shift - OBE
In-service Instructor
1993

ELP Activities in the Classroom
In-service Instructor
1990

Parent Education
In-service Instructor
Writing Assessment - 1996

Community Safety Team - Student Leadership
Program design/implementation - Police Liaison
Personal Safety/ Peer Mediation/Team Leader - 1996-97

Faculty Wellness Committee
Organize/Implement Activities
1994 - 1996

Regional Organizational Committee for ELP
Mentor/Member
1995 - 1997

Community Service Link
"Middle Ground"/Student Radio Show
1997-99

Teacher/Advisor - Student Journalists
Newspaper - The Frontiersman
1998-99

TEACHING AWARDS:

Anchorage Daily News - Newspapers in the Classroom
Trip to Hawaii - Publication of a teaching unit
1991 - 1992

Teacher of the Year - MSEA
Nomination
1993 - 1994

Teacher of the Year - MSEA
Nomination
1995 - 1996

Who's Who In American Education
Nomination & Award
1994 - 1995

Reader's Digest - DeWitt/Wallace Fellowship
Academic Award
1996 - 1999

Mat-Su School District: Teacher of the Year -1996-97

Fulbright Teacher Award
Ambassador to Japan - 1997

State Executive Board Appointee
Alaska State Writing Consortium/1998

BP Teacher of Excellence
Nomination - 1998

National Board Certification - 1998

Cast, Georgia (Sue)
Professional Teaching Practices
Commission

MAY 19, 2000

Dear Sir or Madam:

When I was first appointed to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission I taught special education at Bethel Regional High School to seventh and eighth grade students. For the 1999-2000 school year I began a new position with the Lower Kuskokwim School District at the Bethel Youth Facility. I now provide special education services to incarcerated youth in Bethel. My immediate supervisor is Les Daenzer, he can be reached at 543-4858. Please let me know if I need to furnish any further information.

Sue Cast
Bethel, Alaska

Addendum to current resume

Name: Georgia Sue Cast
Address: Box 1646
Bethel, AK 99559

Education

Bachelor of Science in Special Education, University of Oklahoma
Teaching English as a Second Language, Central State University

Teaching Experience

Bethel Regional High School, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Box 700, Bethel, Alaska 99559. Grades seven and eight, Learning Disabled. 8-91 to present.

Bethel Youth Facility, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Box 305, Bethel, Alaska 99559. Grades seven through twelve. Summers only, 5-90 to present. Employed as a special educator, Learning Disabled, Mentally Challenged, and Emotionally Disturbed.

Kilbuck Grade School, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Box 305, Bethel, Alaska 99559. Grades one through 6, Learning Disabled. 8-87 to 5-91.

Anna Tobeluk Memorial High School & Elementary School, Lower Kuskokwim School District, Nunapitchuk, Alaska 99641. Grades kindergarten through twelve, Learning Disabled, Mentally Challenged, Hearing Impaired, and Emotionally Disturbed. 8-85 to 5-87.

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Nunapitchuk Day School, Nunapitchuk, Alaska 99641. Grades one through eight, Learning Disabled and Mentally Challenged. 10-83 to 5-85.

Tuttle High School, Tuttle, OK 73089. Grades eight through twelve, Learning Disabled and Mentally Challenged. 8-80 to 10-83

Cheerleader Sponsor
Fund raising coordinator - Community Calendar, Carnival.
Washington Close-Up Sponsor

Professional Affiliations and Organizations

Council for Exceptional Children, Bethel Chapter. Past Membership Chairman.

Lower Kuskokwim Teacher's Association, Bethel Chapter. Past treasurer, 1989 to 1994. Membership Chair, 1994 to present.

Bethel Group Home Board of Directors, 1993 to present. Board Chairman since 1-95.

References

Mrs. Jacquie Slaughter, former principal, Kilbuck Grade School.

Mr. Ron Edwards, Principal, Bethel Regional High School, Box 700, Bethel, Alaska 99559.

Ms. Donna Murphy, Box 49, Goodnews Bay, Alaska 99589.