



ASSOCIATION OF  
**ALASKA**  
SCHOOL BOARDS

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Dear School Board Candidate,

Education is more than just budgets, contracts and negotiations. It's more than books and desks, bus schedules and buildings. It's even more than reading and writing and Calculus II. Education is a promise to our children, a promise they will be equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow!

Serving your community as a member of the school board means making a commitment to children, and being a part of their tomorrow. The local school board is a uniquely American institution that has made the public school system flexible and responsive to the needs of local communities. The school board represents a continuing commitment to local citizen control, and decision-making in education.

As a member of a local school board, you will join the more than 325 Alaskans who dedicate their time and efforts to living up to that commitment. You will become a state official charged with guiding a statewide school system with over 15,000 employees, serving more than 120,000 children. The greatest reward you will receive for this service is the personal satisfaction from working to meet the educational needs of the students attending the public schools in your community.

Thank you for pledging to share your wisdom and knowledge to help create a bright future for children in your school district and throughout Alaska.

Sincerely,

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