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Senator Anna MacKinnon
State Capitol Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for Senate Bill 104

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

I appreciate the opportunity to review the most recent version of SB 104 relating to curriculum in schools. I also appreciate the Senate's efforts to support Alaska public education in its work to transform the system that will have a positive impact on student outcomes.

As I have testified in the past, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has suffered drastic reductions that have severely limited its ability to support districts in many essential services. Curriculum development and implementation are core areas in which I believe DEED should have a role that will support educational transformation. This bill supports that effort.

It is important to note that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is working toward a curriculum that incorporates flexible content and tools that supports high quality instructional practices. This work has shown promise not only in our district, but across the nation. We hope to be involved with the work DEED does at the front end of this project, including work on determining and measuring high quality curriculum and instructional practices.

As we have done in the past, KPBSD will continue to share any and all results of our work in curriculum and instruction with any other Alaska school district and DEED. We recognize that not all districts have the same capacity for this work and believe collaborative efforts in development and implementation of high quality curriculum and instruction benefit all those who are involved, including KPBSD.

Thank you again for your efforts in supporting innovation, collaboration and providing a high quality educational experience for every student, every day, no matter where that student lives.

Respectfully,

Sean Dusek
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Senator Peter Micciche