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## **Paul Prussing Named Student Learning Director**

JUNEAU -- Alaska Education Commissioner Dr. Michael Johnson has named Paul Prussing the Director of Student Learning.

The director oversees the Division of Student Learning, which includes the work of several teams of education professionals engaged in ensuring that state and federal education standards are implemented. The director is heavily involved in the implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, and will engage with district and tribal stakeholders to forge strong partnerships to support student learning statewide. Additionally, the director represents the division before the Alaska State Legislature and the State Board of Education.

Mr. Prussing has served the department for the past 17 years. He holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Oregon State University and is a certified teacher. He initially worked for the department as an Education Specialist, achieving an extensive background in federal programs. He has served as the Deputy Director of the Division of Teaching and Learning Support, now the Division of Student Learning, since 2003. Most recently, Mr. Prussing served as the acting division director for the past year as the department underwent a comprehensive reorganization.

“Paul has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to a student-centered department of education,” said Commissioner Johnson. “He has invested many years by serving in multiple capacities, providing leadership and program management wherever his skills were needed to best move the work of the department forward. He has consistently sought to improve education opportunities for Alaska’s students throughout his tenure. I look forward to his leadership for Alaska’s students.”

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