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Butte - Greater Palmer – Lazy Mountain – Springer Loop – Walby

Date: May 12, 2023

To: Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

Re: Support for Approval of Alaska Bible College's Elementary Education Program

To Whom It May Concern,

I write today in strong support of conditional approval of the Alaska Bible College's (ABC) Elementary Education Program. The goal of this program is to prepare Alaskan students for a career as an educator through a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Alaska desperately needs quality teachers who understand our culture, have a desire to remain here, and can successfully live and teach in the rural areas of our state. These qualities are all centric to ABC's mission.

ABC has a well-earned reputation for programming and faculty that demonstrate an unwavering commitment to academic rigor, alignment to educational standards, and instilling the values, academic and otherwise, that truly prepare students for success in life.

I have personally observed the quality of the programming and faculty at ABC, as well as the students that graduate there and I strongly urge you to approve ABC's Elementary Education Program.

I would be happy to answer any questions or discuss this in further detail.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DeLena Johnson".

Representative DeLena Johnson
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