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ALASKA STATEWIDE MENTOR PROJECT

The members of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature are pleased to honor and congratulate the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project (ASMP) on twenty years of service to improve educator recruitment and retention throughout Alaska.

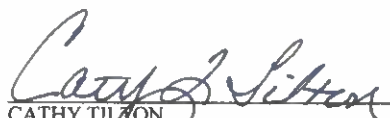
The Alaska Statewide Mentor Project aims to ensure that every student in Alaska has a great teacher. The program supports this goal by providing structured support for first- and second-year teachers entering the classroom. Experienced Alaskan educators serve as mentors to new teachers and dedicate time to provide consistent, ongoing support throughout the school year.

Last year, ASMP reached a milestone for having mentors in each of Alaska's fifty-four school districts. This milestone is an extraordinary achievement considering that most of Alaska's fifty-four school districts are located in rural Alaska. ASMP mentors frequently travel great distances through adverse weather conditions to reach their assigned teachers and provide individualized, one-on-one support that is tailored to each unique school.

Personal mentorship for each new teacher is proven to improve teaching outcomes for students and increase the chances that teachers will stay in the classroom. In Alaska, teacher retention is a challenge, with far too many teachers experiencing burnout. In the 2020 SB 241 report, the University of Alaska reported that teacher turnover in Alaska's urban schools ranged from twenty-six to twenty-eight percent, with turnover in rural schools from ten to thirteen percent. Keeping qualified teachers should be a priority for our State, and supporting programs such as ASMP that provide professional development and mentorship will result in better outcomes for our students.

The members of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature congratulate the Alaska Statewide Mentorship Program for their twenty years of service with Alaska teachers, students, and schools.




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