

# **Superintendent's Report**

**To:** Unalaska City School District Board of Education

**From:** Darrell J. Sanborn, Superintendent

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I was very pleased to see the final report and complete the exit interview with the Accreditation Response Team. With the coming of No Child Left Behind, Accreditation has gotten more focused on details and one may find the report "boiler-plate." I would hope that we never take for granted the good stuffs we have going on with life we have on this Island. The folks spoke a great deal about the team approach they saw here where "all" are pulling in the same direction. As the Response Team started looking closer, they were able to see many, many collaborative efforts, not only in the organization of the District, the teachers, staff, Board, but also the efforts of the entire community. They commented on the number of parents they saw and spoke with. They spoke about the amount of support that we have in the community, including the financial support of the City Council. They were surprised with the fact that the Clinic provides a nurse, and a physician's assistant at that!!! The Response Team was also very impressed with the support we receive from the Private Sector, especially the amount of funds put forth for scholarships. "A good school to a very good school, to an excellent one!!" This is something the entire faculty, staff and community should be very proud of for some time!!! I hope folks take some time to reflect on this and also to remember Unalaska's Quality of Life Plan along with the Strategic Plan of the District. We are reaping the rewards of these visions of past and present Councils and Boards. I do hope the entire community will take a while to "smell the roses" about how grand we have it on our Island!! Life is good!!!

But not too long!!!! Spring Break begins next week, and the State-Wide Testing will begin directly, starting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the Exit Exam given on April 4, 5, & 6. I encourage parents to remind students to put forth their best efforts on these tests. Many educational decisions are made from the results of these tests for students. I would hope parents have their children get plenty of sleep and eat a good breakfast. It also helps to send them out the door with an extra bit of encouragement to do their best work!!! Again, it is the goal of this community to have all students graduate from high school with a diploma!!!

And congratulations to Mr. Border who was just named as a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar recipient!!!!

For those that are traveling, I do hope you do so safely!!!