

# **Superintendent's Report**

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

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

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February has been declared School Board Recognition Month by the Governor to build awareness and understanding of the role of school boards in the individual local communities. Unalaska City School District has been blessed with many very effective-past & present Board Members. Some of these folks have come and gone through the years as many of the folks that have resided in Unalaska. There are some that have always been here. There have been many early mornings; when walking through the front doors of this building, I have admired the plaque honoring the twenty-five years Walter Dyakanoff served on this Board. This type of consistent and strong leadership served as a solid foundation of what we have today. When this Board accepted the "School Board of the Year" award, they mentioned Board members of the past. In short, I am hoping folks will recognize and give thanks to past and present Board members, and also take the time to think about what good a lot of folks did many years ago for this community. Walter Dyakanoff is one of these folks and I am sure there are others. A special thanks to all that have served our students through the years.

There has been much talk in Juneau about increasing the Base Student Allocation this year to a point where we can do more than just "status quo" or "fully fund." However it is still early and we know things can change between now and the end of the Session. I have heard the Legislators will fund the TRS and PERS outside the Formula, but will probably not make any decisions prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>, the date when some districts will be sending out "pink slips." In many of my discussions, I am hearing about the amount of pressure put on the Anchorage Legislators pertaining to their situation. This can be a good thing.

Again I always like to remind folks about all of the community support, including the financial support we receive. Life continues to be good on our Island!!!

Spring Break is coming soon and is earlier this year due to the Standards Based Assessments given the first week of April. Again, these are the tests which tell us our students are performing at the State's grade level expectations. And I always like to remind folks that our local standards are higher than those of the State. I also want to encourage parents to continue to work with their child's teacher to get the most of their educational experience and reach their fullest potential.

For those that are traveling over Spring Break, I do hope you travel safely!!!