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Nina Kemppel  
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Dear Ms. Kemppel,

On behalf of the Cordova School District (CSD), I would like to extend our support for Cordova's application to the Alaska Community Foundation's Affiliate program for establishing an endowment-type foundation in our community. My understanding is that, through generous donations, contributions, and bequests from a variety of sources, including the Rasmuson Foundation, this foundation would serve as a vehicle for making grant opportunities available to local non-profit organizations for community endeavors.

Cordova has a longstanding history of strong non-profit and volunteer activity that has benefitted the community, as a whole. This year alone, for example, CSD has had nearly 100 volunteers who engaged in a variety of school-related activities. Volunteer participation in the community is clearly evident on a regular basis, too; whether through city and school sponsored events, social services, community theater, carnivals, science programs, and the like, our community continually demonstrates its commitment to providing engaging activities and opportunities for its residents. The creation of a local foundation would certainly enhance additional opportunities that have broad appeal across many sectors of our community.

While the framework of the foundation and access to its resources are still in development by the local Advisory Board, I would anticipate our organization benefitting from a community foundation through scholarships, development of educational programs, and career exploration opportunities for students, to name a few.

The Cordova School District looks forward to playing its part in supporting the fruition of the Cordova Community Foundation by circulating information among our stakeholders that educates residents on how this endowment would benefit the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important effort to grow philanthropy in our town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Russin".

Alex Russin, Superintendent