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Ms. Judkins & Mr. Kendall's Alaska Studies Class

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Dear North Slope Borough School District Board of Education,

My name is Lewanne Brower and I am a freshman at Barrow High School. We are currently studying a unit called "Education in Alaska" in our Alaska Studies class. We have been learning in more detail the history about education within our state and how it has evolved over time. As students, we have realized that there were many influences within the education system and many impacts that have made the structure of the North Slope Borough School District what it is today. As an assignment, we were tasked with individually writing a letter to our Board of Education with some personal viewpoints about our education and voted on which ones we would like to send to you.

In this letter I will inform some ideas of how to improve our school and tell you what I think is significant about our school.

I personally feel the need to improve some changes in our school. I am not saying our school is substandard, but I feel like we can have a few upgrades. To make our school better and safer; also, for making teaching more fun and interesting! I will suggest some ideas, and I wish/hope to see them modified. If this actually happens, you can refine it during the summers, or even move us students and teachers to one of the other schools. Or even have us go over to the roller rink like back in the days.

I am thankful for the education you all are providing us, and also for the free lunches. I think the free transportation to and from school is nice as well. I appreciate all of the providence of supplies you had given us, so we wouldn't have to buy it ourselves. Thank you for making the building so we would not have to sit outside in the cold, and also paying for the heat. I am very thankful with running water because I don't think I would survive with honey buckets and hand sanitizer.

I recommend to improve some decorations, because I'm pretty sure we have had the same decorations for a pretty long time. Most times you only focus on improving the gym. I think that we can add a few classes like a multimedia class, to show out our passion towards things, for example teens could document, edit, and film things about what they truly love/make movies for fun. I also recommend a religious class, I know that some of our students might not be religious, but for those who are, they might want to learn more about their religion.

It would also be nice to have more sports like softball, flag football, soccer, and other sports like that. I know we don't have the right weather for that, but kids/teens here still would give it a shot at playing. I would like to recommend to serve out hot breakfast, because most teens here skip breakfast, the most important meal of the day, and it loses lack of knowledge. Students lose focus and tend to fall asleep because they're not fully energized. It would be nice to serve us not only regular food, but I would like to see some traditional foods served at lunch. By traditional foods, I mean not only Inupiaq food, but like Filipino, Samoan, Tongan, and other traditions, because we have a diverse school, and I think it would be nice for our students as well.

I appreciate and thank you for your time in reading my letter. I also would like to thank you for public service as a board member and your continuation in working hard for all of us students.

Sincerely,



Lewanne Brower