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## Letter from USED

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Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 11:42 AM

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To: Lisa Parady <lparady@alaskaacsa.org>

Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 1:32 PM

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Thanks.

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**Lisa Parady** <lparady@alaskaacsa.org>  
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Tue, Apr 1, 2025 at 1:37 PM

Absolutely  
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2025, at 1:33 PM, Jamie Burgess <jburgess@nomeschools.org> wrote:

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