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Hans Hjort, School Board President  
City of Craig School District  
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Craig, AK 99921

Dear Mr. Hjort:

This letter is in response to your email request dated July 17, 2024, regarding your School Board Vice President and a perceived conflict as a relation to the superintendent exists. Alaska Statute ([AS 14.14.140](#)) addresses conflicts of interest for School Board members and their immediate family members employment in the district. Thank you for requesting this review.

Your request is approved. Additionally, thank you for the steps taken to demonstrate a separation on the vote pertaining to the hire of the superintendent. The Department of Education and Early Development appreciates your efforts to provide an excellent education to every student every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deena Bishop".

Dr. Deena Bishop  
Commissioner

Cc: Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner  
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