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Colleen Shivers
Project Director, State Personnel Development Grant
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Dear Colleen,

I am pleased to provide this letter of commitment on behalf of Southeast Island School District to participate as a partner for the Growing Reading Excellence and Alaskan Teachers (GREAT) Alaska Personnel Development project, Alaska's proposed project under the 2023 State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) program, Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 84.323A.

We look forward to collaborating on this project with DEED, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Alaska school districts. We support DEED's emphasis on early literacy for students who are Alaska Native and American Indian and look forward to working with the teams supporting those students to meaningfully improve their academic experience and achievement.

We believe that growing the capacity of the local Alaskan workforce including our paraprofessionals with similar cultural and community experience as our students will increase our capacity as a state education system to retain special education personnel, which will benefit students and their families. We appreciate the encouragement to align professional development for general and special education teachers. We confident this project will benefit students with disabilities and their families developing strategies to better serve Native Alaskan students, for whom the education system has not been able to demonstrate achievement. We are excited to contribute to the project and for Alaska families to benefit from the personnel development activities. Please contact me at [###] or [email] if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deidre Jenson".

Deidre Jenson, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent
Southeast Island School District