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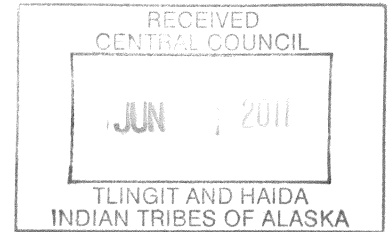
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your May 3, 2011, letter forwarding four resolutions from your annual Tribal Assembly. I am also replying on behalf of Esther Cox, Chair of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development. I would like to give you a status report on the resolutions.

- 11-04 Waiver for Sitka Students to Reside at Home While Attending Mt. Edgecumbe High School. Randy Hawk, Superintendent, has informed me that the issue is resolved. The Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board passed the Sitka student waiver to allow students who reside in Sitka to reside at home.
- 11-08 Establish a System that Identifies and Promotes Young Tlingit and Haida Artists. This resolution has been shared with the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development and also with state school district superintendents.
- 11-19 A Resolution Supporting the Reauthorization and Extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act. The department has taken action by discussing with Senator Murkowski, her committee staff, and the Washington, D.C. Governor's Office.
- 11-48 Save Elitnaurvik Within East at East High. The department has shared this Resolution with Carol Comeau, the Anchorage School District Superintendent.

Thank you for your continued support of the students of Alaska. Be assured that your issues and concerns are also those of the department.

Sincerely,

Mike Hanley
Commissioner

cc: Ether Cox, Chair Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development