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Dear IDEA Families,

As many of you are aware, last Friday (April 12) an Anchorage superior court judge ruled that two Alaska statutes (laws) that govern correspondence school allotment reimbursements to families conflict with Alaska's constitution. No school districts in Alaska, including ours, were parties to this litigation.

Please know that IDEA remains confident in Alaska's support for the homeschooling model. Alaska has provided public support for homeschooling families since 1939. More than 17% of Alaska's publicly supported students are currently homeschooled, and many more Alaskans previously homeschooled.

News articles have already spoken to the likelihood of both a stay (temporary suspension) and an appeal to Alaska's Supreme Court of the judge's decision, and we know that legislators are already researching further resolutions regarding this important issue.

Please expect updates from our IDEA team and/or me as quickly as information becomes available. Expect to continue to rely on our team to support you as we continue partnering in the education of your child(ren).

IDEA's Curriculum Fairs will proceed as planned and will be even more exciting this year. Please join us to support and to celebrate homeschooling in Alaska!

In closing, today is a wonderful time to honor the myriad of successes our students and families experience each day, to exude happiness for the opportunities we embrace, and to live to the fullest.

Most Sincerely,

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