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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The System for School Success is Alaska's accountability system designed to celebrate success in our schools and identify areas we can focus on to help provide additional support. This accountability system fulfills the requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to regularly evaluate school efficacy and close gaps in student achievement.

A brief overview of Alaska's accountability system can be found at: education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/accountabilitysystems.pdf.

Alaska's accountability system allows the Department of Education (DEED) and schools to:

- Articulate goals for student achievement, growth, and success
- Collect, analyze, and report on school performance
- Recognize high-performing schools and provide additional support to schools when needed

School report cards can be found on the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's website under System for School Success.

As of October, 2025, IDEA received a school designation for the 24-25 school year of Universal Support, which is the highest tier possible.

- *Universal Support* (https://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/Universal_Support.pdf)

IDEA will always believe in continuous improvement, regardless of our school designation, so we are continuing to consult our Parent Advisory Committees, survey all parents, and work with stakeholders at large to implement and revise our School Improvement Plan.

Among the improvements already identified in partnership with stakeholders, IDEA will encourage the use of evidence-based curriculum and interventions, specifically making certain interventions more readily available to students who may need additional support as indicated on screeners and standardized testing.

If you would like more information, or to be involved in future School Improvement discussions, please reach out to IDEA/GCSD using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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