



**Iditarod Area School District
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July 17, 2020

Michael D. Gormas
United States Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Gormas,

Please accept this letter of support and recommendation for Alaska Air Transit, (AAT). Iditarod Area School District, (IASD) values the quality, reliability and safety of services that has been and are still provided to our students, staff and administration for over the last eight years.

AAT demonstrates their commitment to our instructional, cultural and extracurricular programs with regular donations, sponsorships and budget sensitive fares. They fulfill a critical need for IASD and the three villages that are on their regular route: Nikolai, Takotna and McGrath. This is especially important in light of the current pandemic and severe budget constraints.

Again, thank you your consideration of Alaska Air Transit as our Essential Air Service provider. They deliver our most precious cargo, our children across the district in a safe, reliable and well maintained fleet.

Please call 907-524-1221 or email if you would like more specifics on this recommendation of Alaska Air Transit.

Sincerely,

Connie A. Newman
Connie A. Newman, Superintendent

Iditarod Area School District Mission Statement

The Iditarod Area School District recognizes the unique and distinctive nature of each student with regard to character, capacity, ability and heritage. In doing so, we are committed to providing individualized, comprehensive and sequential programs to all students in an atmosphere which reflects their cultural heritage; and will, through an organized, efficient and effective school program designed and dedicated to incorporating a variety of learning opportunities, assure them of successful achievement as adults in the 21st Century.

This is our commitment to the students, parents and communities of the Iditarod Area School District. This is our Mission!