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Dear YKSD Parents and Community Members,

Through the Alaska Department of Education, we are pleased to be able to share a detailed view of your child's school in the form of the ASPI ratings. ASPI, Alaska School Performance Index, offers a variety of information about each school in our district and across the state.

Alaska School Performance Index

The ratings are based on student performance in school year 2013-2014. This is the second year for the Alaska-developed ASPI accountability and support system, which replaced the federal Adequate Yearly Progress system under No Child Left Behind.

Seventy-five of 501 rated schools earned five stars, the highest rating; 198 schools are four-star schools; 149 schools are three-star schools; 52 schools are two-star schools; and 27 schools are one-star schools. Collectively, nearly 93 percent of students attended schools in 2013-2014 that earned three stars or above.

Comprehensive information about ASPI, including this year's and last year's school ratings, is at: http://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/. Click on the School Accountability — ASPI tab.

Under ASPI, schools earn points on a 100-point scale. The score is based on:

- ✓ student proficiency in state reading, writing, and math assessments in grades 3-10;
- ✓ the degree to which a school's students are improving, remaining the same, or declining in reading, writing, and math scores;
- ✓ attendance;
- ✓ graduation rates if the school has 12th-graders;
- ✓ student scores on SATs and ACTs (college-readiness) and WorkKeys (career-readiness) assessments in high school; and
- ✓ student participation rates in WorkKeys assessments.

Yukon Koyukuk Schools has a multitude of programs that support student achievement and enhances the overall success of our schools. These academic and extracurricular opportunities allow students to work in individual and group settings. Please keep in mind many excellent educational experiences that cannot be reflected on the report card take place daily.

We hope that the information will be a valuable tool for you to learn more about your child's school.

Sincerely,

Kerry Boyd, Superintendent Yukon Koyukuk School District