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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the YKSD Board of Education, I wish to extend to you a Happy Holiday season and the very best for the New Year. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to work with your child in a school district and community that brings great pride to me as your superintendent.

The important work that we perform daily is not taken lightly as this dedication results in the success of our children. This last week, the regional school board, principals, administrators and other support staff collaborated to draft our Three Year Strategic Plan. The plan will become our framework to continue our improvement efforts. To ensure the success of our students, focused goals include increasing reading skills, math skills, and parent and community involvement. At the start of the new year, you will have the opportunity to review the document and to provide us with your input to help finalize the goals and the action steps.

We hope that you will join us this Wednesday, December 19th from 10:30am to 12:00pm as students from across the district participate in our Virtual Holiday Program. The program will be aired at all of the YKSD river schools and at the main district office in Fairbanks. The songs will be in English, Denaakk'e (Koyukon Athabascan) and Menhti Kenaga' (Lower Tanana Athabascan). Please come sing along and join in the festivities! Our students and staff enjoy and appreciate your visits to the schools.

If you would like reading or math material to work with your children over the long break, please be sure to let your teacher know. The last day of school before the holiday break is December 21st and the first day back to school for students is January 8th.

Wishing you and your family all the best in 2013! Enjoy your Holidays!

Sincerely,

Kerry Boyd Superintendent

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