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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Chrya Sanderson
President
Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education
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Re: Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Parental Notification Policy

Dear Ms. Sanderson:

We received a complaint that one of the schools in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District was offering a class that requires parental notification and an ability to opt-out and, according to the complaint, that did not happen. As we began to evaluate the complaint, we could not identify through publicly available sources the specific policies that had been adopted by the school district in compliance with AS 14.03.016.

Alaska's parental rights and notification statute, AS 14.03.016, went into effect October 2016. That statute requires, in part, that all local school boards, "in consultation with parents, teachers, and school administrators, adopt policies to promote the involvement of parents in the school district's education program." These policies must include procedures providing for parental notification "not less than two weeks before any activity, class, or program that includes content involving human reproduction or sexual matters is provided to a child."

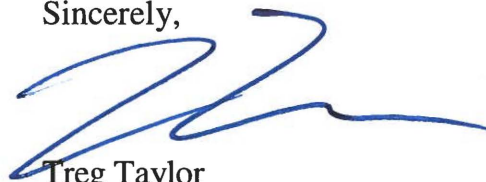
The Alaska Department of Law requests that the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board provide copies of any and all policies that it has enacted relating to the parental rights and notification statute. You may email these documents to ninia.dizon@alaska.gov or mail them to:

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Additionally, please provide copies of any and all information in the district's possession regarding the Safe Spaces exploration class offered at Randy Smith Middle School. This information should include the class description and any previous class descriptions. It should also include any information on whether parents were notified about this class prior to it being offered.

We appreciate your cooperation as we track down the necessary information. Please respond with the required information by January 12, 2023.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Treg Taylor', with a stylized, flowing script.

Treg Taylor
Attorney General

cc: Heidi Teshner, DEED Acting Commissioner (via email)