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EDUCATION REFORM

For Alaska and the Rest of the Nation

Senator Begich knows schools are the springboard for America's children to compete and succeed, whether they want to start a business down the street or travel the world and change the global economy.

Yet much of the current federal education law, known as No Child Left Behind, is a poor fit for Alaska. That's why he is working hard - by championing his own bills and working with Senate leadership - to make sure the rewrite of this law works well for our students and families. He wants reform that recognizes Alaska's unique geography, weather and cultures.



Senator Begich is Pushing for Reform that Works in Alaska

- ❖ Consistent and adequate funding to address the challenges of districts big and small
- ❖ More state flexibility to improve struggling schools
- ❖ An emphasis on innovation at the local level
- ❖ Programs that truly prepare students for university and vocational programs
- ❖ Stronger support for science, technology, engineering and math

Senator Begich Wants a Smart Approach to 'Fixing' Education

- ❖ A commitment to early learning
- ❖ The highest expectations for every student
- ❖ Expanded support for teachers in underserved areas
- ❖ Safe schools and students who are healthy and ready to learn
- ❖ Strong programs for Alaska Natives and other indigenous Americans
- ❖ Sensible rules to help school districts improve student performance

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