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Todd - This one was also forwarded to Lynne Smith (Education). Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 11:17 AM
To: Castle, Lillian K (GOV)
Cc: Mason, Janice L (GOV)
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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 10:42 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Education

Web mail from: Peter Hauschka
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MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Congratulations on the birth of your new son Trig. As a Cantwell resident, I couldn't help but notice that you named your kid Paxson too.

As an educator, (I am the principal and teacher of Cantwell School), I wish to weigh in the "choosing the new commissioner decision" awaiting you.

In my career in Alaska, I have been lucky enough to work with 2 educational leaders who rise way, way above their peers, Steve Atwater and John Holst.

Steve was my superintendent in LPSD. I spent two years working with him. Never before had a seen an educational leader so dedicated to share in the work of the team. Steve made sure he knew and understood what was going on. He truly, always had the interests of the students he served in our district first.

John Holst was hired to be my interim superintendent in Denali Borough School District for ½ a year because our existing supe was hired away by Apple Computer. Anyway, working with John was a joy. I have never met another man who was so confident with people. John is an extremely patient man who has the rare gift of leaving those who disagree with him, happy. John has a deep understanding of Alaskan history and the history of educational reform in our state.

Please do the right thing and choose one of these fine leaders to lead our State Dept of Education. Doing this will be a decision long remembered by many, many, fellow educators as an act of courage and conviction; a clear example of putting excellence, rigor, and good judgment ahead of political expediency.

Thanks for listening,

Sincerely, Pete Hauschka

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