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Here you go, Todd – I hope this is helpful. If you have time, please let me know what types of changes you made so that I can continue to learn your vocabulary and self-expression. Thanks so much!

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GILA Graduation Ceremony Remarks
Location: Galena Interior Learning Academy
Friday, May 16, 2008 @ 7 p.m.
Brief Remarks
Todd Palin

Hi, it's great to be here celebrating with you on such an important occasion! Graduating from high school is a big deal and your first step into a bright future. My wife, Sarah, sends her congratulations on your achievements!

You know, Sarah – as your Governor, she's committed to providing employment opportunities and a strong economy for you guys. And having grown up in Bristol Bay, I know firsthand it's vital that rural economies further their economic growth – and what better way than to train Alaskans for Alaskan jobs? With the education, training, and preparation you've received, you will have several different industries to choose from.

I've worked on the Slope for years, and both Sarah and I are committed to vocational and technical training and education for Alaska's youth as we prepare for the Alaska Gas Pipeline. With the gas pipeline construction happening in the near future, many of you can fill those jobs needed for construction of the gasline and support services.

You guys have many opportunities to choose from in the coming months and years. The bottom line is this: Alaska's workforce is aging – and you have this incredibly timely and lucrative opportunity to fill the gap and continue building and developing Alaska for the next generation. No pressure, but the future of Alaska depends on YOU☺, and ensuring the availability of a skilled workforce now and in coming years.

In closing, I just want to say again, that Sarah and I are proud of you and all your hard work – we know that high school isn't always easy, even though it's been a few years since our graduation☺. I also want to thank the Sydney Huntington School and Galena Interior Learning Academy administrators, teachers, residential living support, and all the parents, families, and friends here for investing in these students – you all share in their success. Thank you and Congratulations!

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GILA Graduation Ceremony / School Tour

May 16-17, 2008

Event Info & Remarks

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Event Summary

- Galena Interior Learning Academy (GILA) Graduation Ceremony / School Tour
- Overnight Trip

Date/Time

- May 16-17, 2008
- Arrive Friday, May 16 @ 3 p.m.
- Depart Saturday, May 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

Action/Role

- Offer brief remarks at graduation
- Meet with Elder Sidney Huntington
- Tour GILA facility

Location

- Galena, Alaska

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Dignitaries/Special Guests

- Senator Albert Kookesh
- Elder Sidney Huntington

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Agenda

Friday

3:00 p.m.	Arrival at Frontier
3:15	Spot their bags at Lodging choice
3:45	Visit Sidney
4:30	Meal at the Dining Hall
6:15	G to graduation to meet folks
7:00	Graduation
9:00	Support visits at their discretion

Saturday

7:00 a.m.	Rise and shine
7:30	Breakfast at the Dining Hall
8:30	Staging at Frontier for 9:30 charter flight back to Anchorage
9:30	Return to Anchorage

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