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The Honorable Gary Stevens
Senate President
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon:

I write today to inform you that I will not be extending the current special session. It is disappointing that the Legislature did not take up the education items that were placed on the call. The fact that Alaska ranks 51st in the nation in educational outcomes should have been addressed years ago. It should have been addressed in the last regular session. It should have been addressed in this special session. Yet it is clear that under the current leadership, there is no real interest in confronting the condition of Alaska's public education system.

I have noted public statements from legislators that they intend to take up meaningful education policy in the next regular session. I hope that proves true, but if past inaction is any indicator, I have serious doubts that the Legislature will advance reforms that improve outcomes for our students. My Administration will watch closely during the regular session.

The only result produced from this special session was additional money being appropriated to education with no expectations, no accountability, and no measurable outcomes required. That is not reform. That is not leadership. That is not what Alaska's children deserve.

If, at the conclusion of the upcoming regular session, there is once again no action on meaningful policy, the people of Alaska should know that their Legislature has failed them. In that event, I am prepared to call additional special sessions, in both duration and number, until we see substantive steps taken to improve Alaska's education system.

Our children's future is at stake. They cannot afford more years of delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor