



Resolution of the State Board of Education & Early Development
Recognizing the Outstanding Leadership of Commissioner Roger Sampson
Resolution 02-2007

Roger Sampson served as Commissioner of Education & Early Development from May 9, 2003, to August 17, 2007; and

Commissioner Sampson brought to his office a distinguished career in Alaska that has been nationally recognized; and

Commissioner Sampson assisted the State Board of Education & Early Development to craft vision and mission statements and specific goals to implement those statements; and

Commissioner Sampson guided Alaska through the challenging early stages of implementing the No Child Left Behind Act, establishing a state accountability system that has been fully approved by the federal government; and

Commissioner Sampson has ably led the Department of Education & Early Development in creating innovative programs to assist school districts in ensuring quality instruction to improve academic achievement for all students; and

Commissioner Sampson has created a method of assisting struggling school districts to improve the achievement of their students; and

Commissioner Sampson has partnered with the University of Alaska to provide experienced, trained mentors for teachers, principals and superintendents who are new to the profession; and

Commissioner Sampson has helped establish a statewide program to assist students in acquiring the transitional skills to be ready for the workplace or postsecondary education; and

Commissioner Sampson has earned the respect of the State Board, the department, the education community and the Legislature for his integrity, ability, and commitment to Alaska's schoolchildren; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development hereby expresses deep appreciation for Commissioner Sampson's efforts on behalf of Alaska's schoolchildren, and wishes him well in his future endeavors on the national stage.

September 21, 2007

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