Anchorage School District

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TO ALL OF THE ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE KIDS IN THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

I am so proud of each and every one of you who are students in our district. You are the whole reason that our school district exists, and I want to let you know that the School Board and I are committed to bringing you the very best education possible.

You are our future and we are pinning our hopes on you to solve so many of the serious issues we see today. You will be the leaders of tomorrow! We need you now more than ever as we face our many worldwide challenges.

You are creative and much more tolerant of differences than so many adults...you have great ideas for solving today's problems. You have the opportunity to go to school with other students from other countries who speak over 84 languages! You are learning how important it is to accept everyone for who they are, not what they look like, or what they believe.

You are committed to serving your community, whether through school projects, your church activities, community service organizations, and in many other ways. This election year will give you many opportunities to participate in the democratic process of voting for your leaders. You lead by example and we as a school district need to do the very best we can for you.

I want all young people in this community and in our district to feel valued for WHO you are, regardless of your race, religion, ability or disability, socioeconomic status, or gender. You deserve to feel safe and secure in your family, your schools, and in the community at large. We need to provide wholesome activities year-round for you so that you can grow and thrive in Anchorage. Your families, regardless of their size, are very important to us in supporting you.

As you grow up, seek out the real heroes—our police officers and fire fighters, our teachers and health professionals, your moms and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and family friends. Let them show you the values most important to success: hard work, honesty, caring, and perseverance!

I hope that 2009 brings you much happiness and support as you grow and develop into adulthood. I want to assure you that we will support you each and every day during this very difficult time in our country's history. Let us help you be the very best you can be...it is worth the hard work and the journey to help you become a contributing member of society and our community.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau

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Educating All Students for Success in Life