Jeannie,

It is with regret that I inform you that I will not accept the appointment to the Board of the Anchorage School District.

At this time, I believe putting the Board's interests above my own is most important, and it is apparent that my appointment would be a tremendous distraction to the Board's mission and purpose for the students and teachers of this district. For this reason, I respectfully will decline appointment to the Board.

Thank you for the Board's consideration and for the process of selection, which allows any and all interested constituents to apply for the open seat. To see so many qualified individuals step forward in yesterday's proceedings willing to take on this role shows the tremendous support for the hard work of the ASD Board and for the difficult decisions that the Board must make in the future.

I wish the Board all the best in its future endeavors.

Respectfully, Tom Corkran