

As the President of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board and a passionate advocate for public education, I acknowledge and apologize for my recent statement made during my President's report at the Tuesday, March 19 school board regular meeting.

In my disappointment regarding the impact of the failed veto override of SB 140, I unintentionally misspoke. For that, I apologize to Rep. Frank Tomaszewski, Rep. Will Stapp, Rep. Mike Prax, Rep. Mike Cronk, and Sen. Robert Myers. This is my second year on the school board and my first term serving as an elected official. I know I am going to make mistakes, and I have no issue owning up to them when they happen.

I remain resolute in my commitment to the well-being and success of our Fairbanks schools. Access to quality education is a constitutional obligation of the state, and I will continue to advocate tirelessly to ensure that our schools receive the resources they need to thrive. As a teacher, mother of two elementary-aged children, and a military wife, my only agenda is for Fairbanks to have the best education system we possibly can.

The decisions we make as a school board weigh heavily on my heart. Thank you to those who have supported me and our shared mission for strong public education in Alaska. Your dedication and passion inspire me daily, and I am devoted to continuing to learn and grow as a school board member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandy Harty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

FNSBSD Board President
Brandy Harty