

# Message from the Superintendent

Education is my passion. I enjoy learning and love seeing others achieve educational success as well. It has been a rich opportunity to work with the school community at the school level to improve educational programs and provide authentic learning experiences for boys and girls. As rewarding as these experiences have been at the school level, I am now excited about the opportunity to lead from the school district level to reach similar achievements.

Since arriving in Nome on June 4<sup>th</sup>, it has been great to get out in the community and meet so many nice people. I have been made feel very welcome. The Nome area offers great outdoor activities of which I have already enjoyed. However, the best part of my time here was experienced as I visited our Summer School Programs. Teachers and students were actively engaged in teaching and learning. Even I had the opportunity to take part of a small Reading Group activity. In short, the first few weeks here in Nome has been an excellent experience leaving me to anticipate more of the same in the future.

As I transition into the position Superintendent of Schools for the Nome Community, I'm turning to the community for assistance. It is my belief that no one knows a community better than that community's residents. I believe this is also true about the level of desire for the success for the school system. In my opinion, no one can be more interested in the success of a school system than the residents of the community in which the school system is located. So then, it is my intent to seek and welcome the perspective of as many residents from Nome as are willing to share with me. I am naming this effort, "**Learning from Nome**". This program is described in more detail on the Superintendent's Webpage. If you would like to help with my transition, please consider the explanation provided there.