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Betty Walters Named Interim Deputy Commissioner

JUNEAU – Interim Commissioner Susan McCauley, Ph.D., has appointed longtime Alaska educator Betty Walters interim deputy commissioner, commencing March 2. Ms. Walters replaces Les Morse, who retired.

“I am thrilled to bring on board someone with Betty’s significant leadership experience and expertise,” said Dr. McCauley. “She will provide outstanding service to the department, the state, and public education during this interim period.”

As interim deputy commissioner, Ms. Walters supervises department activities with six directors and a staff of 215. The department includes K-12 oversight and support; the state archives, museums and library; the state arts council; and Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

Ms. Walters has been active in education since 1964. She was as a principal in Alaska for four years, an assistant superintendent in the Kodiak Island Borough School District for five years, and the superintendent there for eleven years.

Since retirement, Ms. Walters has served as a mentor to new educators in the Alaska Statewide Mentor Project, a joint effort between the Department of Education & Early Development and the University of Alaska.

Ms. Walters holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Marywood University, a master’s degree in reading education from University of West Florida, a post-graduate certificate in English education from New York University, and principal and superintendent endorsements from the University of Alaska system.

Ms. Walters served on the Alaska State Standards Steering Committee and the Recruitment, Retention, and Training Committee of the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development.

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