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Doug Hayman, Principal  
Tustumena Elementary School  
P.O. Box 749  
Kasilof, Alaska 99610

Re: National ESEA Distinguished Schools Recognition Program 2019-2020

Dear Principal Doug Hayman,

I am pleased to inform you that Tustumena Elementary School has been selected as a National ESEA Distinguished School for Alaska for 2019-2020 in Category 1: Exceptional student performance for two or more consecutive years. This award is an especially prestigious honor for your school, staff, and students. Congratulations to you and your staff for the hard work you have put into increasing student achievement and providing opportunities for all students to succeed. We encourage you to share your successful strategies with other schools in your district and the state.

We are also honored to have your school represent our State at the 2020 National ESEA Conference. You will be receiving more information in the upcoming weeks about the 2020 National ESEA Conference February 4-7, 2020 in Atlanta, GA. The department will support up to \$5,000 in travel expenses through a grant for you and member(s) of your staff to attend this conference. Please contact Courtney Preziosi at 465-2888, or [Courtney.Preziosi@alaska.gov](mailto:Courtney.Preziosi@alaska.gov) with any questions.

Thank you again for your work and the time you invested in the application process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Melin".

Karen Melin  
Deputy Commissioner

cc: John O'Brien, KPBSD Superintendent  
Christine Ermold, KPBSD Director of Professional Learning and Federal Programs  
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