

# DENALI BOROUGH

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Chris Noel, Mayor

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Denali Borough School District  
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RE: Letter of Commitment for Denali Borough School District's Application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Superintendent Dan Polta,

On behalf of the Denali Borough, I am writing to express my support for The Denali Borough School District's (DBSD) grant application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Administered through the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Denali Borough is committed to efforts that support our schools' energy efficiency and resiliency. The three schools in the Denali Borough (Anderson, Tri-Valley, and Cantwell) are owned by the municipality and receive the maximum financial support our local government is able to contribute each year. These schools are not only essential infrastructure to our rural communities, but they also operate as the home of our public libraries, a community resource for recreation and sports, and a local public gathering space for meeting, trainings, fairs, and open houses.

DBSD's commitment to sustainability and cost-effectiveness is echoed by the Denali Borough's own commitment to these goals. The Denali Borough has participated in the Zero Landfill Initiative (ZLI) since 2017 to promote positive change in our communities. The ZLI has brought together community supporters and advocates for sustainable practices through the Denali Chamber of Commerce and the Denali Education Center, as well as a community recycling program at our municipal solid waste locations. The Denali Borough continues forward our own strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through improvements to our solid waste management.

The Denali Borough is home to incredible landscapes, fragile ecosystems, high energy costs, and abundant opportunities to capture the benefits of renewable energy and a circular economy. Our Comprehensive Plan includes an economic expansion goal to promote the generation of power from renewable resources. Renewable energy infrastructure and energy efficient upgrades at our school demonstrate our school district's commitment to stewardship and to lower operating costs. The Denali Borough will support this project by maintaining these improvements in coordination with the school district, as well as providing related technical assistance needed to realize these critical energy efficiency investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you,

Chris Noel, Mayor