


Mia COSTELLO
STATE SENATE

One of Us...
Born & Raised
in West Anchorage
A True Advocate for Education

"Mia was a teacher just like I am. Mia gets it. She understands the education process and supports teachers like us." – Yvette, teacher

"I support Mia because I'm invested in my home here in Alaska – and so is Mia. I think that with Mia in office, our opportunities can only grow." – Taylor, student

Mia is a parent, a teacher, a graduate of the Anchorage School District, and understands the importance of a good education.

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Her Claim:

She is "A true advocate for education" and she "has demonstrated her dedication for quality education."

Accuracy:

Both these statements overstate Mia's level of commitment to improving public education in Alaska. Mia merely supports education issues; she is not an advocate and her actions fall far short of demonstrating a dedication to quality education. To be considered an advocate, she needs to stand up to education opponents in her caucus and publicly support needed legislation. She needs to resist special interest groups looking to funnel funds away from public schools. Instead, Mia was the deciding vote against an important amendment in the House Finance Committee to increase the base student allocation and avoid more teacher losses. Rather than explain to her colleagues that inflation affects education budgets, she said, "we all know districts will come back here next year and ask for more." Mia was not an advocate for public education; in that critical moment she joined the education bashers.

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