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Welcome to the Chugach Assembly!

The CEC Board warmly welcomes you back to school! [Click here to meet this year's Assembly officers.](#) Chugach has long been an open-optional school without walls; evolving and adapting to the progressive needs of children in creative and innovative ways. It is no surprise that amidst the great challenges of a pandemic and abrupt switch to online learning that Chugach educators have swiftly risen to the challenge. I am so thankful for our school staff and teachers who are bravely entering the unknown to meet students and families where they are at.

As I watched my 5th grade son Alex buzz around the house today, completing assignments between zooms, I marveled how the Chugach philosophy is not contained within a building. It is in our children and it is in us, the Assembly- staff, teachers, parents and guardians of the Chugach community. The buzz of learning that typically fills the Chugach classrooms and hallways is now in our homes amidst this unusual start to the school year.

The Board will be hosting our first online Assembly meeting on **Thursday, September 3 from 7:00-8:30** (zoom link to follow). Assembly meetings are monthly meetings where parents/guardians and school staff meet to discuss important school-related topics and foster community through connection. It is a place to show up, meet other parents, ask questions and share thoughts and ideas. We also cover business items such as Assembly finances. Our first meeting of the year will involve voting in the new CEC budget for the school year. The Chugach Educational Corporation (CEC) is a non-profit organization that manages the Assembly finances with community input. Meeting times are posted on the school calendar and for the time-being will be held over zoom. Minutes from Assembly meeting are posted on the schools website. You can contact the board by email at [chugachoptionalcecboard@gmail.com](mailto:chugachoptionalcecboard@gmail.com)

The founders of Chugach envisioned a strong school community. Amidst a year of social restrictions, I look forward to seeing how our community will rise up in new ways to support and maintain the vibrant and dynamic body of learners that makes Chugach so special!

All the best,

Mandy Casurella  
CEC President