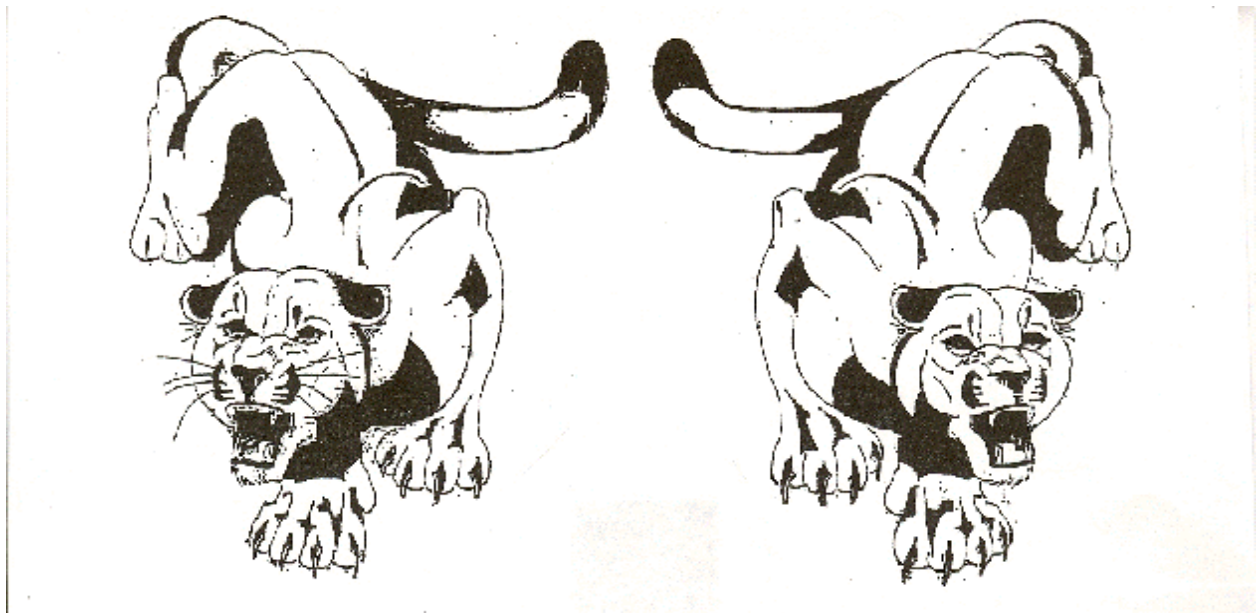


**Skagway School District**  
**Report Card to the Public**  
**School Year 2009-2010**



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## **Skagway School District Superintendent's Message to the Public:**

On behalf of the Skagway School District Board its President Christine Ellis, Vice-President Darren Belisle, Treasurer Chris Maggio, Clerk Stuart Brown, and member Joanne Korsmo, I am very pleased to present our annual District Report Card for the Public 2009-2010 school year!

The Skagway School Board's primary educational mandate is to support, supplement, augment and improve every aspect of the educational experience our students will have in our school district. Our board and administration support a climate of excellence for our students. We have created a school culture permeated with the belief that EVERY CHILD CAN SUCCEED! Every staff and faculty member in our school district supports that concept and infuses that value to all of our pupils! Our students are valued, respected and loved by all of the employees of the Skagway School District!

As is the norm, our students in Skagway have achieved some of the highest standardized test scores in the state on examinations required by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development. Our students consistently obtain exemplary test scores due to the outstanding staff at Skagway School District who set high expectations in academic performance from each of our students as well as the strong support of parents and community members. Our district again met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) as measured by criteria set by federal and state benchmarks. Students in Grades 4, 8, and 10 excelled on Alaska Standards Based Assessments in mathematics, language arts and science, as required by the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act of 2002. Again this year, the sophomore class passed the Alaska High School Qualifying Exam in Reading, Writing and Math. All of our students in our Junior and Senior classes have passed all three sections of these subject content tests and are on target to graduate! As a matter of fact, the students within the graduating class of 2010 are all planning to attend colleges and universities in August. Our graduates will be attending institutions of higher education throughout the state of Alaska, Colorado and Utah! Their choices for college majors are diverse. Their chosen fields of study include business, culinary arts, aviation, medicine, physical therapy, cosmetology and engineering.

The continued efforts of our School Board and our students' parents foster academic excellence in Skagway School District students and has produced amazing results. By working together as a community we have consistently provided our students with an astonishing number of learning opportunities for a school of our size. The Municipality of Skagway continues to be supportive in supporting the endeavors of the children in our school district. Ultimately, our district wants to provide our students with the very best possible education and is continually seeking ways to expand student achievement. Our district has used money awarded to us by state and federal agencies to give our teachers professional development training in the most current "best practices" in educational methodology. With funding, we've been able to mold our instructional delivery in creative ways that reap rewards and help make our students competitive with any school district in the country! Our vast use of technology helps dedicated educators to open the world to our students while living in a small, isolated, rural community in Alaska. The video conferencing equipment on site is continually up-graded thus allowing for the continued professional development that is required to keep the staff informed.

We are very proud of our students and their achievements in Skagway School District again this year! The hard work of the entire school community is evident in our student's accomplishments. The students reflect their Panther Pride through their successes. Go, Panthers, Go!!!