**Friends of Inlet View Elementary School**

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At last night’s Anchorage Assembly meeting, members had a long discussion about the serious impacts of traffic, construction noise affecting learning outcomes, and other problems that will result from the Anchorage School District (ASD) insisting on rebuilding Inlet View while keeping students onsite. Friends of Inlet View Elementary School (FIVES) issued the following statement following Assembly approval of the 2022 school bond on a 9-2 vote:

“By violating the state Open Meetings Act and its other missteps, ASD excluded neighbors from the Inlet View school rebuild decision until it was too late for the neighbors to make a difference. Though they tried, the Anchorage Assembly could not help us,” said FIVES spokesperson and Inlet View neighbor Deborah Hansen. “We believe Anchorage’s Urban Design Commission will recognize the merit of our substantive concerns, including ASD’s violations of Title 21, and will deny ASD the approval it needs to proceed with this highly problematic school design decision.”