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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Anchor Lutheran School's Early Childhood Center Has Exciting News!

Anchor is proud to announce that we are participating in Learn & Grow, Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS), and has been recognized at the first level of quality—**Level 1: Learning About Higher Quality**.

This means Anchor is committed to high-quality early care and learning for your child. Learn & Grow gives us a framework to engage in continuous quality improvement activities and supports us as we progress through the levels of quality.

The levels of quality within Learn & Grow are:

- Level 1: Learning About Higher Quality
- Level 2: Moving Into Higher Quality
- Level 3: Committing to Higher Quality (*not yet available*)
- Level 4: Growing Into Higher Quality (*not yet available*)
- Level 5: Thriving In Higher Quality (*not yet available*)
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"Learn & Grow is helping to hold our school accountable and improve upon our current program." said Natalie Dean, Center Director.

Currently, there are 43 other states that have a statewide QRIS like Learn & Grow. Alaska launched its QRIS in July 2016, making Anchor an early adopter and leader in quality improvement in Alaska. The assistance Learn & Grow provides helps early care and learning programs like us improve the quality of their care. Research shows that high-quality early care and learning experiences help children become healthier, more prepared for school, and more successful in life. When young children succeed, the whole community benefits.

This milestone means our staff will have access to additional resources and specialized trainings that will help your child thrive. We pledge to continuously work towards providing the best care for your child, and we are honored to serve the families of this community. By participating in Learn & Grow, Anchor joins the ranks of other programs across the state who are committed to advancing the quality of early care and learning for our youngest Alaskans.

About Learn & Grow

*Learn & Grow is Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS) and its mission is to advance the quality of early care and learning to foster the success of young children. Learn & Grow is managed by and housed at **thread**, Alaska's Child Care Resource and Referral Network, and is part of a national QRIS movement.*