

**2023 Official Candidate Statement  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska**

**David H. Noon**

**Candidate: Board of Education**



**Name:** David H. Noon

**Office Sought:** Board of Education (School Board)

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**Age at the date of Election:** 53

**Occupation:** Professor, University of Alaska Southeast

**Children's Names:** Audrey (17), Orrin (14)

**Place of Birth:** Los Angeles

**Length of Residency in Juneau:** 21 years

**Communities lived in & dates of residency:** Downtown Juneau, 2002-present

**Education:** Northside HS (Roanoke, VA) 1985-88  
James Madison U, 1988-92 (BA. English/History)  
U. of Minnesota, 1993-2001 (PhD, American Studies)

**Business and Professional Positions:** Professor of History, UAS (2002-present)

**Service Organization Memberships:** VP, Friends of the City Museum (2019-present)  
Mudrooms Storyboard (2019-present)  
Harborview Site Council (2011-2013)

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**Biographical Information** *[limited to 150 words or less.]:*

I grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, and attended college at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, where I earned a B.A. in 1992 with a double major in English and History. After completing a doctorate in American Studies at the University of Minnesota, I was fortunate to be hired at UAS to teach US History in 2002. Juneau has been my home ever since. I have enjoyed the most long-lasting and important friendships of my life here; my children were born and raised by two educators in this loving and supportive community; and I expect to spend my remaining years hiking/running Juneau's trails, learning from my students, and tending to the complicated needs of the felines with whom my kids and I continue to surround ourselves.

**Position Statement** *[limited to 250 words or less.]:*

The Juneau School District faces some of the most acute challenges in decades. Most pressing, we will be contending this year with a cavernous budget deficit, threatening vital positions in the midst of a recruitment and retention crisis at a time when teachers and staff are already stretched beyond the breaking point. Years of inadequate state funding have imperiled our core mission of meeting the diverse and often complex needs of our students. As a member of the Board, I will advocate for consistent, adequate, and timely state funding. We need a BSA increase, and we must defend non-instructional supplemental spending without being penalized by the state. These two issues will directly impact future programmatic decisions and education outcomes.

In addition, I will prioritize our front-line resources above all else; this means doing everything we can to preserve vital teaching and staff positions, maintain/reduce class sizes, and foster an atmosphere in which our educators are supported and equipped to do their jobs. Juneau's students deserve an education that is rich and inclusive, and their parents and caregivers deserve to know that the Board will do its part to assure their children are offered every opportunity to thrive in a culture that is fair and equitable - and where their schools have the resources to help them succeed.