Greetings from your Pacific Regional Director,

Hello from the great state of Alaska! My name is Mary Parrish, and my region includes Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. It has been a tough year with COVID-19, to say the least. I do believe that things are finally starting to slow down with people being quarantined and/or sick. My district, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, attended in-person all year. As for Anchorage and other places the students did not return to in person until after spring break which was in March. All meetings for the last year have been by zoom, which is hard because we cannot see colleagues in person and be able to do a check-in with them. Because of COVID-19, not much has been going on. Most people are now feeling better about COVID-19, knowing that they can get or have gotten the vaccine. Many states are trying to get back to normal, so I hope that this next school year, things will start to be back to the usual routine. It has been super hard not to be able to see my ESP family, but I am hoping to return to seeing all of you in person next year.

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