

Don Enoch embarked on his professional journey in 1981 within the military ranks, commencing as a military policeman with the US Army. After eight years of service, during which he was honored for heroism, he redirected his path toward academia, leveraging his instructional experiences gained in the military. Enrolling at Black Hill State University, he pursued a dual major in communication and special education, laying a solid foundation for his future endeavors.

Venturing into the vast educational landscapes of Alaska, Don dedicated himself to serving diverse communities across the state. His educational odyssey led him to the University of Alaska at Anchorage, where he earned a master's degree in education administration, further equipping him for impactful leadership roles. In 2008, Don transitioned into a pivotal position within the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, assuming the mantle of State Administrator for Special Education. Throughout his tenure, his visionary leadership and profound expertise have left an indelible mark on Alaska's educational terrain. In recognition of his unwavering commitment to inclusive education, Don was bestowed with the esteemed Melody Musgrove Heritage Award in 2023. His enduring dedication to fostering inclusive learning environments that serve the diverse needs of students remains unwavering.

Today, Don remains fervently engaged in advancing educational practices and policies, ensuring that every student, regardless of their learning requirements, is empowered to flourish within inclusive educational settings.

