

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2023-08:**

**Creating Comprehensive Support for Families and Students to Navigate College  
and Career Training Opportunities**

WHEREAS, Alaska's workforce needs are growing, but many recent high school graduates are not pursuing the postsecondary education needed to be prepared to fill job openings and important community roles; and

WHEREAS, research shows that helping students understand their motivation and passion can help youth prepare for and engage in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs in Alaska that provide personal navigation support with dedicated, well-trained, and supported career guides have demonstrated a significant increase in the percentage of high school graduates who pursued some type of degree, certification, or military training and participants in these pilot programs in Alaska completed the FAFSA at rates that, if applied statewide, could grant Alaskan students access to an additional \$15 million or more in federal aid each year; and


WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star School District's Strategic Plan emphasizes the need to provide all students with options to meet their needs and achieve success; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District is committed to creating a global workforce for economic vitality, student success, and an educational environment that integrates core academics with real-world relevance; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's best opportunity to meet the workforce needs of tomorrow is to help Alaskan students connect with the postsecondary opportunities they need to be ready; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education renews its commitment and calls upon the State of Alaska to provide comprehensive family and student-centered navigation supports to help all students access college and career training opportunities that will help meet the State's current and future workforce needs.

Passed and Approved: September 20, 2022

  
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Jennifer Luke, President  
Board of Education

ATTEST:   
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