

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2023-20:

SCHOOL FUNDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the mission of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District is to provide an excellent, equitable education and a safe, supportive environment so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society; and

WHEREAS student learning is the top priority of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, and successfully educated students provide economic benefits to the Fairbanks community and state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS public schools are the ONLY state and federally mandated educational institution charged with providing free public education to all students regardless of the severity of their disability; and

WHEREAS Alaska's children are its future, and it is unjust and unfair to use their education as a political bargaining chip; and

WHEREAS school districts across the state of Alaska are being forced to take drastic measures such as closing schools and considering 4-day school weeks because of unprecedented budget deficits caused by the continued flat funding of the Base Student Allocation; and

WHEREAS the quality and health of our public education system is a major determining factor in whether families choose to remain in Alaska and raise their children; and

WHEREAS Fairbanks schools have outstanding Alternative Education Paths, CTE, and specialized programs that prepare students to be competitive in a diverse and changing society.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board calls on all 60 of Alaska's legislators to quickly pass a Base Student Allocation of no less than \$6,960, and for Gov. Michael Dunleavy to quickly sign and distribute increased funding to each school district in time for the 2023-2024 school year.

NOW, therefore be it further resolved that:

The FNSB Board of Education encourages and empowers its members, staff, and students as well as the public to use the talking points, that are found on our web page under legislative priorities, to engage legislators, assembly members, and members of the public, in a dialogue that supports and strengthens public education for all students by educating them on the realities of school performance, funding and educator shortages.

Passed and Approved: February 7, 2023


Chrya C. Sanderson, President
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ATTEST:


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