

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2020-10:**

**SUPPORT FOR *LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!***

WHEREAS, the members of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education stand firmly committed to the School District's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center's quality afterschool and summer learning programs because these programs are key to helping our students become successful adults by:

- providing a safe, challenging, and engaging learning experience for our students to help develop their social, emotional, physical, critical thinking, and academic skills with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities;
- developing skills for personal growth and success among our youth;
- supporting working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- encouraging families to become more effective partners in their children's education; and
- building stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, community partners, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, adults, and the community; and

WHEREAS, our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool and summer learning programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and


WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool!* is a national and local celebration of afterschool programs that will be celebrating 20 years of *Lights On* across the nation, the school district, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough on October 24, 2019, promoting the critical importance of quality afterschool and summer learning programs in the lives of our children, their families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, many afterschool and summer learning programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe they are forced to close their doors and turn off their lights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education enthusiastically supports *Lights On Afterschool!* and commits to support innovative afterschool and summer learning programs that will help close the achievement gap and prepare children for their future by ensuring the lights stay on and doors stay open for all children after school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 24, 2019, as *Lights On Afterschool!* Day throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, and calls on the leaders of the school district and the borough to assure awareness of the need for every child to have access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool and during the summer, and to support after school and summer learning programs.

Passed and Approved: October 1, 2019

  
Wendy Dominique, President  
Board of Education

ATTEST:



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