

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2021-04:

SUPPORT FOR THE STATE'S USE OF ACTUAL STUDENT COUNT DATA FROM FISCAL YEAR 2020 TO FUND K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, school districts shall prepare and submit to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) a student count projection by November 5th for the succeeding fiscal year upon which calculations can be made to estimate the amount of state aid for which the district may be eligible under AS 14.17.400; and

WHEREAS, student count projections are used each year by the State of Alaska as the basis for state aid to school districts through the foundation funding formula; and

WHEREAS, the State's operating budget (HB 205) was signed into law on May 18, 2020, with funding for the Foundation Program based on student count projections; and

WHEREAS, school districts are required to submit their budget for each fiscal year to DEED by July 15th of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, based on expected Foundation Program revenue from the aforementioned student enrollment projections, and in response to the global pandemic brought about by the coronavirus, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District is developing a plan to implement various learning models which will provide families several options to consider in response to different levels of community spread and will allow teaching and learning to continue throughout the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, this plan calls for learning models and options for families to consider that will include blended (in-person and remote) learning, eLearning (remote), and correspondence study; and

WHEREAS, a final determination for state aid under the public school funding formula for the 2021 Fiscal Year is based on a 20-day student count period ending the fourth Friday in October 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District may experience a significant loss in revenue due to families choosing to enroll their children in correspondence study programs or withdraw them from the district, on a temporary or permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, this potential significant loss in revenue would severely limit the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's ability to implement its plan to provide various learning models and essential services in response to the global pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education supports the State's use of actual student count data, collected in October 2019 for the 2020 Fiscal Year, in determining the amount of state aid allocated to school districts under the public school funding formula for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Passed and Approved: September 15, 2020

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