

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2013-05**

**STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature enacted and the Governor signed SB 119; and

WHEREAS, SB 119 allows students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in an alternative education program that is located entirely in the state and does not offer interscholastic activities to participate in interscholastic activities at a school in the district in which they live; and

WHEREAS, the law takes effect on July 1, 2013, and successful implementation of the law requires clarification in multiple areas; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) follows Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) rules for eligibility and our district believes all students should adhere to the same eligibility standards, and some FNSBSD eligibility rules are more stringent than the ASAA rules; and

WHEREAS, acquiring documentation of academic progress for the wide variety of alternative education programs allowed by SB 119 is a difficult, costly, and time consuming process; and

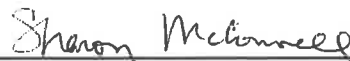
WHEREAS, the FNSBSD does provide support to activities through Foundation funding, thus alternative education program students who are not enrolled in our district are not funded, which raises questions regarding activity fees needed to cover the numerous activity costs like travel, equipment, ice time/facility time, and officials, suggesting the need for "fair share" policies for students under this provision to ensure equitable treatment regardless of enrollment status; and

WHEREAS, school districts will by necessity be required to adjust academic, activities, and discipline policies and regulations in response to SB 119 in a very short period of time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education recognizes it is in the best interest of all students to adhere to consistent rules regarding transfers, participation, and academic requirements in state testing, accreditation, and funding mechanisms;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education calls upon the State Legislature, ASAA, and the Department of Education and Early Development to standardize the current inconsistencies created by SB 119 and to provide clear rules, appropriate funding, and assurance that all students participating adhere to the standards set forth by the state and local school districts.

PASSED AND APPROVED: September 18, 2012



Sharon McConnell, Vice President  
Board of Education

ATTEST:



Sharon Tuttle  
Secretary to the Board

