

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2013-06

PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 25th Alaska Legislature enacted Alaska Statute 14.56.360-375 establishing the Public School Library Collection Development Grant Program, administered by the Alaska State Library, in order to strengthen public school resources and better educate Alaska's children; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 2008, the Program has never been funded; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Public School Library Collection Development Grant Program, the Alaska State School Board adopted regulations pertaining to Alaska Statute 14.56.360-375 in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education recognizes that strong school curriculum offerings must be supported by strong, broadly based, school library collections; and

WHEREAS, research indicates reading for enjoyment is important for children's educational success, that schools with newer collections in their libraries have higher test scores, and student achievement is higher in schools that house larger collections of traditional print resources as well as online resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education urges the Association of Alaska School Boards and the Alaska Legislature to support full funding for the Public School Library Collection Development Grant Program.

PASSED AND APPROVED: October 2, 2012


Kristina Brophy, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:


Sharon Tuttle
Secretary to the Board

