

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2020-03:

OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET REDUCTIONS & VETOES

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Alaska in Article 7, Section 1 provides for public schools open to all children; and

WHEREAS, the policy of education is defined in Alaska Statute AS 14.03.015; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's public education and postsecondary education systems are vital to Alaska's future citizenry, government, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the veto cutting school bond debt reimbursement shifts the state liability to the local government, and may financially impact our families and community; and

WHEREAS, the veto to cut forward funding of education for FY 20-21 creates uncertainty and may result in potential loss of academic and extra-curricular programs; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in Medicaid funding may adversely impact the health of our students and their families and therefore impact students' ability to focus and learn; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District recruits many of its educators from the University of Alaska, and the reduction of funding to the University of Alaska will have a negative impact on its ability to recruit and graduate students; and

WHEREAS, some of our students live in families experiencing homelessness and will be negatively impacted by the reduction in funding to the Homeless Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in funding to public broadcasting could negatively impact the ability of the community to receive timely information, such as topics that impact the school district; and


WHEREAS, the veto to cut funding for Village Public Safety Officers may cause a reduction in public safety services available in rural communities and therefore negatively impact the learning environment in those communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education opposes the Governor's reductions and vetoes to the State Operating Budget;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education urges the Legislature and Governor to reinstate the other noted funds that support the well-being of our families and community; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education calls on the Governor to join the Alaska Legislature in supporting forward and full funding for K-12 Education, which will help protect Alaska's children as well as Alaska's economic future.

Passed and Approved: September 3, 2019


Wendy Dominique, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:


Sharon Tuttle
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

