

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2014-11:

**PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN ALASKA'S SCHOOLS
THROUGH APPROVAL OF ALASKA 1:1 DIGITAL LEARNING INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, public education is the only constitutionally-mandated responsibility of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, funding for schools has lagged inflation in recent years, causing districts to reduce educational programs and eliminate teachers and support staff needed to ensure excellent instruction; and

WHEREAS, efficiencies and reductions in the long-term growth in educational technology spending could be realized through a statewide one to one technology initiative; and

WHEREAS, all schools in Alaska are striving to raise expectations, meet the Alaska State Standards, prepare students for more rigorous exams, and equip them for future success in a rapidly-changing world; and

WHEREAS, effective utilization of ubiquitous technology has been shown to increase engagement, raise attendance, and diminish behavior infractions; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska 1:1 Digital Learning Initiative would provide a powerful digital device to every student and teacher to improve student outcomes, increase productivity, personalize learning, and open the door to unlimited educational content and instructional strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education urges the Alaska Legislature to approve the Alaska 1:1 Digital Learning Initiative to effectively utilize technology to deliver excellent instruction, contain future costs, personalize and accelerate student learning, and successfully prepare a globally competitive workforce.

PASSED AND APPROVED:

Heidi Haas, President
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ATTEST:

Sharon Tuttle
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