FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2026-08:

SUPPORT FOR *LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!*

WHEREAS, the members of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education stand firmly committed to the School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center's quality afterschool and summer learning programs because these programs are key in assisting our students become successful adults by:

- providing a safe, challenging, and engaging learning experience for our students to develop their social, emotional, physical, critical thinking, and academic skills;
- developing skills for academic and personal improvement and success among our youth;
- supporting working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;
- supporting families in becoming more effective partners in their children's education; and
- building stronger communities by involving students, families, business leaders, community organizations, and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults; and

WHEREAS, our 21st Century Community Learning Center programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool!* is a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 23, 2025 that promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of our children, their families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe they are forced to close their doors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education enthusiastically supports *Lights On Afterschool!* and commits to support innovative afterschool and summer programs that will help close the achievement gap and prepare children for their future by ensuring programming is delivered to 21st CCLC grant-funded sites where the lights stay on and doors stay open for students after school;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 23, 2025, as *Lights On Afterschool!* Day in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and calls on the leaders of the school district and the Fairbanks North Star Borough to bring awareness to the need for students to have access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool and during the summer, and to support 21st Century Community Learning Centers after school programs.

Passed and Approved: October 7, 2025

Melissa Burnett

Melissa Burnett, President
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ATTEST:

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Fairbanks North Star Borough School District