

Rogers Park Community Council

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED EDUCATION FUNDING TO REFLECT INCREASED COSTS

WHEREAS, providing an effective public education system is one of the most important functions of state government, and is mandated by the Alaska Constitution;

WHEREAS, a strong education is a key predictor of an individual's future earnings, and therefore an effective education system is a critical driver of the Alaska economy;

WHEREAS, failure of the education system can lead to increased public costs in welfare, public assistance, and incarceration;

WHEREAS, the base student allocation (BSA) is the basis for how state funding is distributed to school districts for students and staff;

WHEREAS, from 2011 to the present, the BSA value fell far behind inflation;

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District (ASD) has cut teachers and staff positions in each of the past three years and faces the need to cut many dozens more in the next few years without adequate increases in the BSA; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ROGERS PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL asks that the Alaska Legislature increase the BSA by an amount necessary to restore the value lost to inflation since 2011, and without the need for future legislation to keep up with inflation thereafter.

This resolution passed by vote of 17 yeas, 0 nays and 0 abstentions on November 10, 2014.

Respectfully,

Iris Matthews, President
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