

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF ASD PLAN TO RE-OPEN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Hillside Community Council is a private, not-for-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, business owners, and representatives from the Hillside Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous and severe impacts to children who have not been in classrooms since March of 2020; and

WHEREAS, many children are unable to thrive and achieve learning goals in the virtual learning environment, especially young learners; and

WHEREAS, school employees are mandatory reporters of child abuse, mistreatment and neglect and they are unable to properly interact with, observe and help at-risk youth while in a virtual environment; and

WHEREAS, the mental and emotional health of children are suffering in the isolation of the virtual learning environment and reaching crisis levels; and

WHEREAS, the State is reporting high numbers of youth experiencing suicidal ideation, suicidal attempts and suicide deaths; and

WHEREAS, youth are experiencing so many challenges related to isolation of the virtual learning environment and while they are unable to attend school or sports functions in person, including: depression, cyber bullying, substance misuse; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillside Community Council requests that the Acting Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage and the Assembly support the plans and recommendations of the Anchorage School District and Dr. Bishop to re-open public schools to all youth, without delay.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Hillside Community Council with a majority vote of the 28 members in attendance at its regular meeting held on December 21, 2020.

  
Carmela Warfield

Co-President, Hillside Community Council

12/22/20  
Date