

Resolution 2024-04

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

June 13, 2024

Engagement and Accountability of School Board Members

Whereas, the Anchorage School Board has proposed changes to *Board Bylaw 9271: Code of Conduct* items #26 and #27 for its members, which include removing the attendance requirement at local community council meetings and related accountability measures, and;

Whereas, the proposed changes establish only four meetings per school year for school board members to attend instead of a majority, and;

Whereas, the new proposal allows for school board members to have “in-person attendance flexibility when no virtual attendance option is available,” despite the community’s expectation that School Board Members appear publicly regardless of the mode of appearance, and;

Whereas, the proposal tasks the school board president and the school board’s communication committee to work with the FCC as the primary distributor of school board information to local community councils, instead of directly communicating with constituents through the community councils, and;

Whereas, regular attendance of school board members at Northeast Community Council meetings is crucial for maintaining transparency, accountability, and open communication between the school board and the community, and;

Whereas, the current requirement ensures that school board members are consistently informed about community concerns, educational issues, and the needs of the students they serve, and;

Whereas, community members, parents, and educators have expressed significant concerns that reducing the attendance requirement will diminish the school board's responsiveness and engagement with the community, and;

Whereas, the Northeast Community Council is committed to fostering strong, collaborative relationships between the school board and the community to enhance the quality of education and ensure that all voices are heard,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeast Community Council formally opposes the proposed changes to the Anchorage School Board members' code of conduct regarding their attendance at community council meetings.

The council urges the Anchorage School Board to maintain the current requirement for school board members to attend a majority of community council meetings, and that Board Members who fail to regularly attend these meetings not serve as a Board Officer or Committee Chair the following year. A letter expressing this resolution and the community’s concerns will be sent to the Anchorage School Board, the superintendent, the Federation of Community Councils, and all relevant stakeholders as soon as practicable.

Resolution Vote: For 19 Against: 0 Abstain: 3



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