

Russian Jack Community Council Resolution

WHEREAS the Russian Jack Community Council highly values our education and schools; and

WHEREAS we take our responsibility as an East Anchorage council seriously and it is our responsibility to look out for the best interest of our families residing in these areas; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage School District announced in November 2024 the intention to close seven elementary schools over the next three years as part a district wide “Right Size” initiative; and

WHEREAS the list of schools to be closed includes three in very close physical proximity to each other (Nunaka Valley is only 1.5 miles from both Baxter and Wonder Park); and

WHEREAS closing three schools in such close proximity in East Anchorage disproportionately affects this corner of Anchorage, and it is far from equitable to have *32% of all affected students come from one small area of town; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Russian Jack Community Council urges the Anchorage School District to reexamine the school closure list and spread out the school closures more proportionately throughout the district instead of expecting our neighborhoods to bear the brunt of these closures.