

Resolution 2024-05

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

December 5, 2024

REGARDING ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIZING INITIATIVE

WHEREAS on November 1, 2024, the Anchorage School District made a public announcement of their intention to close seven elementary schools over the next three years as part a district wide “rightsizing” initiative, and

WHEREAS the District’s initiative includes four Title I elementary schools, three of which are in the northeast sector, Nunaka Valley Elementary, Baxter, and Wonder Park Elementary Schools, and

WHEREAS closing and or repurposing northeast sector schools, Nunaka Valley Elementary, Baxter, and Wonder Park Elementary, will affect approximately *32% of all elementary students slated to be relocated in the Anchorage School District’s “rightsizing” initiative, and

WHEREAS Nunaka Valley Elementary, Baxter, and Wonder Park Elementary Schools serve families and students that require Title I resources, and

WHEREAS Nunaka Valley Elementary, Baxter, and Wonder Park Elementary School students cope with disparities in academic growth and social proficiencies, and for whom a small school setting provides a learning environment where they will be able to receive the greatest possible assistance.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Northeast Community Council is not supportive of the Anchorage School District’s “rightsizing” initiative as currently proposed and as it relates to the northeast sector elementary schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northeast Community Council recommends that the Anchorage School District work closely with the families of the northeast sector elementary schools to revisit the initiative for other options that may also include shared building use with other programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anchorage School District revisit the initiative and adopt efforts that will more proportionately affect the families and students throughout the district rather than targeting one sector of the city.

Resolution Vote: For ____ Against: ____ Abstain: ____

Ronald P. Meehan, President, NECC

Dave Weber, Secretary, NECC

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*Slide 12 from ASD presentation to the School Board during the Nov 4 work session:

Recommendation for Close/Combine & Repurpose

Closing Schools	Remarks	Receiving Schools
<u>Bear Valley ES</u> (Year 1) (69%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure 	80 students to O'Malley ES 104 students to Rabbit Creek ES 121 students to Huffman ES
<u>Lake Hood ES</u> (Year 1) (39%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose building: Charter School • Programs affected: Pre-K, SBBS program 	113 students to Turnagain ES 62 students to Northwood ES
<u>Tudor ES</u> (Year 1) (69%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose building: Whaley K-12 & Outreach • Programs affected: Montessori program moves to Denali Montessori 	179 students to Lake Otis ES 124 students to Denali Montessori ES
<u>Fire Lake ES</u> (Year 2) (47%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose building: Charter School • Programs affected: SLC program 	108 students to Eagle River ES 40 students to Birchwood ABC ES 2 students to Chugiak ES
<u>Nunaka Valley ES</u> (Year 2) (63%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose building: Pre-K School • Programs affected: 7 Pre-K classes stay 	39 students to Chester Valley ES 57 students to Russian Jack ES
<u>Wonder Park ES</u> (Year 2) (66%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure • Programs affected: Pre-K, SLC program 	103 students to Williwaw ES 78 students to Ptarmigan ES
<u>Baxter ES</u> (Year 3) (56%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repurpose building: Charter School • Programs affected: SLC program 	53 students to Scenic Park ES 99 students to College Gate ES 17 students to Chester Valley ES