



**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #4 (PASSED UNANIMOUSLY)
Kognito for Teachers in Alaska**

Submitted by: Alaska Association of Student Governments Executive Board

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

1. **Whereas**, Alaska has the highest suicide rates in the nation,
2. **Whereas**, people between the ages of 15-22 commit the majority of the suicides in
3. Alaska; this age group consists largely of high school students,
4. **Whereas**, the signs of potential suicide can be difficult to recognize.
5. **Whereas**, in Alaska most teachers are not required to get suicide prevention training,
6. **Whereas**, Kognito will provide training for all teachers in Alaska,
7. **Whereas**, Kognito online training uses real life situations and virtual interaction to
8. provide information on suicide prevention,
9. **Whereas**, the training can range from 45 minutes to two hours which is flexible for
10. teachers,
11. **Whereas**, online training can convert existing classroom-based materials into real life
12. scenarios,
13. **Whereas**, it costs \$12,000 for the whole state of Alaska to receive the training,
14. **Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that**
15. **funding for Kognito is provided for Alaskan teachers.**

Action statement: if passed by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be sent to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council as well as the State Board of Education and Early Development.

Sources

Statewide suicide prevention council website <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/suicideprevention/>
Kognito website <http://website.kognito.com/>