



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #9

Resolution to Reinstate College Resource Counselors in the ASD

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, all college resource duties now fall solely to high school guidance counselors, except in Bartlett, East, and Dimond High School;
2. **Whereas**, high school guidance counselors are overwhelmed with an increasing amount of students and student needs every year;
3. **Whereas**, seniors only have high school counselors and parents for guidance on how to write a resume, request letters of recommendation, apply for scholarships, and aid with creating senior portfolios;
4. **Whereas**, more support and resources are needed in order to effectively help students;
5. **Whereas**, the process of applying to universities can be very overwhelming, and many ASD students do not have parents with the experience necessary to navigate this system;
6. **Whereas**, students in military schools and foreign students often have college counselors to guide and inform them of the requirements necessary to get into their college(s) of choice;
7. **Whereas**, Career Resource Counselors were an important position within ASD comprehensive high schools, and the elimination of the position has greatly impacted students' abilities to navigate post-secondary planning and options;

8. **Whereas**, Career Resource Counselors plan important events such as senior night scholarship portfolio assistance and informational visits from colleges;
9. **Whereas**, many more scholarships would be shared with and possibly utilized by students, saving them the burden of immensely high student loan debt;
10. **Whereas**, Career Resource Counselors are experienced and can provide insight on the necessary steps for students' postsecondary plans;
11. **Whereas**, Career Resource Counselors can assist with completing financial aid forms like FAFSA and other information;
12. **Whereas**, the annual salary for a Career Resource Counselor is approximately \$35,000 to \$42,000/year;
13. **Whereas**, the ASD FY18 budget was \$563.6 million.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the ASD School Board reinstate college counselors in the ASD School District.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, will proceed to the ASD Student Advisory Board for discussion and possible implementation, and then continue to the Anchorage School Board.

Sources:

"College Made Simple" Why College Counseling is more important than ever: Part 2"

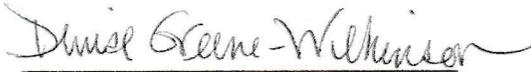
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Passed unanimously by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Fall 2017 Conference.



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