

## Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #1 Separating the Middle and High School Intercom System Submitted by Delta High School

## Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 1. **Whereas,** Delta Senior High School and Ft. Greely Middle School used to be in separate buildings;
- 2. **Whereas,** in August, 2015, Ft. Greely Middle School relocated and is now Delta Junior High School;
- 3. **Whereas,** Delta Junior High School now shares a building with Delta Senior High School:
- 4. **Whereas,** although they share a building, Delta Junior High School and Delta Senior High School are considered two separate schools;
- 5. Whereas, as two separate schools they should be able to function separately;
- 6. Whereas, Intercom announcements currently play in both schools;
- 7. **Whereas,** high school students and staff and middle school students and staff cannot use the intercom because it interferes with the other school;
- 8. **Whereas,** without the option to use the intercom school stakeholders are unaware of school events;
- 9. Whereas, 36.1% of high school students claim that their teachers don't play the morning announcements<sup>1</sup>;
- 10. Whereas, 44.3% of high school students whose teachers do play the morning announcements claim that they "sometimes" or "never" pay attention to the morning announcements<sup>1</sup>:
- 11. **Whereas,** the majority of high school students believe that the intercom is an effective means of communication in our school<sup>1</sup>;
- 12. **Whereas,** only 25% of high school teachers play the morning announcements every morning<sup>2</sup>;
- 13. **Whereas,** 91.7% of high school staff think the intercom is a good way of communicating in our school<sup>2</sup>;
- 14. Whereas, only 25% of high school staff feel in touch with what's going on in the school<sup>2</sup>;

- 15. Whereas, 100% of high school staff said they would not mind interruptions to class time over the intercom if it was only used for high school announcements<sup>2</sup>;
- 16. **Whereas,** intercoms are an efficient and effective way to communicate with the entire student body;
- 17. **Whereas,** other ways of communicating are bulletin boards, social media, and Blackboard Connect;
- 18. **Whereas**, these other forms of communication do not reach 10% of the Delta High School students;
- 19. **Whereas**, 71.7% of Delta High School students hear about school events via word of mouth;
- 20. Whereas, 56.5% of Delta High School students hear about school events via remind text;
- 21. **Whereas,** 45.7% of Delta High School students hear about school events via flyers and posters around the school;
- 22. **Whereas**, 32.6% of Delta High School students hear about school events via morning announcements;
- 23. Whereas, communication within our school is important;
- 24. **Whereas,** the most efficient and widely reaching means of communication in Delta High School is through the intercom system;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that Delta Junior High School and Delta Senior High School have separate intercom systems.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, is to be presented to the principals of Delta Junior High School and Delta Senior High School, to the Delta/Greely School District Superintendent Laural Jackson, and the Delta/Greely School Board.

## Work Cited

- 1. Klein, Ann-Marie. "Student Survey: Intercom." Survey conducted with 62 students, or 38% of the 163 students. 28 March 2016.
- 2. Klein, Ann-Marie. "Staff Survey: Intercom." E-mail survey conducted with 12 out of 25 Delta High School staff members, or 48% of the DHS staff. 28 March 2016.

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