



**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #19**

**Keeping the Nurses in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Submitted by West Valley High School
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Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

1. **Whereas**, Evidence has proven that the health of students can greatly affect their academic achievements within our schools.
2. **Whereas**, The number of students diagnosed with chronic diseases in the United States, has been increasing.
3. **Whereas**, The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District has been facing significant budget cuts over the last few years.
4. **Whereas**, These cuts have brought about the proposal to remove all but 5-6 RNs for the entire school district, and replace them with Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAPs) by the 2017/2018 school year. These RNs would be required to rove amongst the 28 schools within our district.
5. **Whereas**, The Healthy People 2012 Report (USDHHS) recommends 1 RN per 750 healthy students.
6. **Whereas**, Limiting the school district to 5-6 RNs would give the nurses oversight of 3,000 kids each.
7. **Whereas**, RNs would actually save the district and our parents money, because they not only respond to crises within the school but also recognize changes in health conditions and can intervene earlier than the UAPs.
8. **Whereas**, UAPs are neither trained, nor licensed to assess and intervene on the same level as RNs.
9. **Whereas**, A recent study showed that registered nurses saved principals 1hr/day, teachers 20min/day, and clerical staff over 45min/day in addressing health concerns. This is a cost savings of approximately \$133,000/year that the RN's provide the district.

10. **Whereas**, The Institute of Medicine recommends employing UAPs alongside RNs instead of replacing them.
11. **Whereas**, UAPs can provide basic first aid, but are unable to perform a nursing assessment.
12. **Whereas**, UAPs can administer scheduled daily medications that manage chronic problems, yet are unable to give over the counter, or prescription medications needed for intermittent health care needs.

Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District continue to employ registered nurses within each of the district's schools.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the following:

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Work Cited

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