



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution 8 (Passes Unanimously)
Standardize Weather/Road Conditions Required for School Cancellation
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Submitted As-Read

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the Anchorage School District create standardized criteria for school cancellation,

1. **Whereas**, the Anchorage School District checks if the roads are suitable at 5:30 am,
2. **Whereas**, the superintendent of ASD is the one who makes the final decision on school being cancelled due to the weather conditions,
3. **Whereas**, allowing the superintendent to make a completely subjective decision will not always take into consideration the safety of all of the students across Anchorage,
4. **Whereas**, state regulations allow ASD to declare in-service and emergency closure days as “in-session” up to a total of 10 days, meaning that when you subtract the in-service days from those ten, there are five days left to be used for emergency closure,
5. **Whereas**, this year, there have been multiple accidents and collisions involving buses carrying students due to poor weather conditions, some delaying students over two hours en-route to school,
6. **Whereas**, one morning when the roads were not suitable for driving, students that lived on Hiland Mountain were stopped by APD because of how many accidents were occurring on that road alone,
7. **Whereas**, the Matanuska Susitna School District checks to see if the roads are suitable at 5:00 am,
8. **Whereas**, the superintendent of the Fairbanks North Star Borough District also makes the final decision on closing school,
9. **Whereas**, JBER has road condition coding that requires certain rules for drivers when they are on the roads on base,
10. **Whereas**, if the roads on JBER are in the most extreme categories such as black or red, supervisors can mandate that only essential personnel show up,
11. **Whereas**, the State of Alaska has a government-operated website showing a map with current road conditions, as well as their own system of color codes for road conditions,
12. **Whereas**, ASD has no set standards for school cancellation, and the decision is left completely to a few people’s subjective judgements,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the Anchorage School District add a clause in the Student Safety Section of the ASD Handbook that

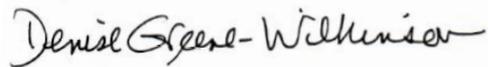
cites specific qualifications that, when met, require cancellation of school on that day.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly at AASG, will proceed to the Anchorage School District for further discussion and implementation.

Passed Unanimously by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Spring 2017 Conference



Taylor Holman, Vice President



Denise Greene-Wilkinson, Executive Director