



**Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #1
Changing the DBSD Memorial Policy
Submitted by: Tri-Valley Student Council
April 12, 2024**

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

- 1. Whereas**, there is a memorial rock in the middle of the Tri-Valley School courtyard with the spray-painted names of 2 former Tri-Valley students who have sadly passed away;
- 2. Whereas**, the Tri-Valley Class of 2024 wished to add 2 more names to the rock;
- 3. Whereas**, when Tri-Valley seniors asked administration if they could make the changes to the memorial, they were told to restore the memorial to its original status with the first two names, but could not make any additions;
- 4. Whereas**, current Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Board Policy 1331 states “Whereas memorials installed in schools or on school grounds can be impossible for students, staff, and family members to avoid, memorials situated elsewhere in the community provide interested individuals the choice to visit. For these reasons, the Board does not support the installation of permanent memorials in schools or on school grounds”;¹
- 5. Whereas**, current DBSD Board Policy 1331 states “Any permanent memorials existing at the time this policy is adopted may be relocated, removed, or altered only with the approval of the Board of Education”;²
- 6. Whereas**, family members of the deceased individuals support the installation of the two new names;
- 7. Whereas**, Healy, the town where Tri-Valley is located, is a small town with just under 1000 people and is a close-knit community;
- 8. Whereas**, this memorial would be easily accessible to the community;
- 9. Whereas**, memorials can provide a powerful and genuine tribute;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports changing the Denali Borough School District Board Policy to allow the two new additions to the memorial rock.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be brought to the Denali Borough School District Board of Directors for their consideration.

Sources:

1. Denali Borough School District Board Policy 1331: Memorial Policy, “Permanent Tangible Memorials”
2. Denali Borough School District Board Policy 1331: Memorial Policy, “Existing Permanent Memorials”

The resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Spring 2024 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Barrow High School

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AASG Vice President, Danika Hamm

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AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre