



**Alaska Association of Student Government
Resolution #13
8:20am Entrance Time
Submitted by: Kodiak High School Student Council
April 20, 2024**

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

Be it resolved by Kodiak High School Student Council;

1. **Whereas**, currently Kodiak High School starts at 8:30am;
2. **Whereas**, students are allowed to enter the building at 8:25am;
3. **Whereas**, the cafeteria is open for students at 8:00am;
4. **Whereas**, the cafeteria gets very crowded and is insufficient to hold all the students before they are released into the building at 8:25am;
5. **Whereas**, many students do not have control over when they get dropped off at school due to family schedules and cannot be dropped off at optimal times contributing to overcrowding in the cafeteria or long waits outside;
6. **Whereas**, students frequently must wait outside in inclement weather before entering school;
7. **Whereas**, Kodiak High School is a big facility and students require more time to drop things off at their lockers, take care of personal needs, and get to classes that span four floors;
8. **Whereas**, students often arrive to class unsettled and rushed creating an abrupt transition to learning;
9. **Whereas**, all passing periods are 5 minutes, however, as students are already in the building, class transition time is not as abrupt due to classes being physically located closer to one another and a less condensed traffic pattern than in the mornings before school;

10. **Whereas**, and extra 5 minutes in the morning is valuable time for students to check in with teachers, especially critical to those who miss school due to athletics, activities, medical travel;
11. **Whereas**, currently teachers must rush to help students before they are required to deliver instruction. A few extra minutes to collect work, sign forms, check in pre student travel, answer questions, collect fundraising materials, etc. would be beneficial to both students and staff;
12. **Whereas**, a survey of Kodiak High School staff reported that 7 out of 22 respondents were favorable to allow students in the building at 8:20am, 3 out of 22 respondents were favorable to allow students in the building at 8:25am, 9 out of 22 respondents stated they had no preference, and 3 out of 22 indicated other, but did not respond when prompted for a fourth option ¹;
13. **Whereas**, most teachers surveyed either had no preference on the time students entered the building or agreed with the earlier start time of 8:20am¹;
14. **Whereas**, administration has stated that supervision and safety is a concern for students entering the building at 8:20am, however in the past doors have been opened and students have been in the building as early as 7:45am with staff contract time starting at 8:20am;
15. **Whereas**, Kodiak High School has a large network of high quality cameras that can be leveraged to digitally monitor students if needed;
16. **Whereas**, historically there has not been notable safety concerns in the five minutes before 8:25am when students were allowed in the building;
17. **Whereas**, students understand that if school rules are violated and safety does become a concern, we will return to 8:25am as the official time for students to enter the building;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports Kodiak High School administration to permit students to enter Kodiak High School no later than 8:20am on regularly scheduled student contact days.

Action Statement: This resolution, if approved by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to Kodiak High School administration and the Kodiak Island Borough School District Superintendent Cyndy Mika.

Sources:

1. Staff survey conducted January 25, 2024

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen Navarre", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre