



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #2

Resolvment of Bathroom Passes at Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé

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

- 1. Whereas,** some teachers at Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé (JDHS) provide a finite amount of bathroom passes for the quarter/semester;
- 2. Whereas;** some teachers have enforced the bathroom passes by marking a student absent for going to the bathroom during class;
- 3. Whereas,** classes across the school campus or locker use can prevent the use of the bathroom during JDHS's 5 minute passing periods;
- 4. Whereas,** the teachers give extra credit for unused bathroom passes at the end of the quarter/semester;
- 5. Whereas,** the want for extra credit deters use of the bathroom during class;
- 6. Whereas,** between the lack of bathroom time during passing periods and the want for extra credit, students are forced to hold back bathroom emergencies;
- 7. Whereas,** often, this includes holding back urine, which can lead to urinary tract infections (UTIs)¹;
- 8. Whereas,** conditions such as overactive bladder (OAB)² may increase a students need for the restroom;

9. **Whereas**, there are bathroom emergencies that may arise that require the use of the bathroom unexpectedly or more frequently; such as, sickness, bloody noses, incontinence, or menstruation;
10. **Whereas**, current Juneau School Board policy upholds a positive school climate³ and instructional program that respects individual characteristics of students;⁴
11. **Whereas**, the school board policy is not being adhered to by not respecting an individual's need for the bathroom;
12. **Whereas**, the current JDHS Student Handbook⁵ provides no deterrent to the use of bathroom passes;
13. **Whereas**, the addition of a section, to be determined at a later date, that prohibits teachers from being able to mark students absent for using the bathroom and/or the use of a finite amount bathroom passes at all is necessary;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the addition of a section that prohibits teachers' use of finite amount and/or incentivisation using extra credit of bathroom passes in the Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé student handbook.

Action Statement: if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, this resolution will proceed to the Juneau School Board at: brian.holst@juneauschools.org, dan.debartolo@juneauschools.org, jeff.short@juneauschools.org, steve.whitney@juneauschools.org, elizabeth.siddon@juneauschools.org, paul.kelly@juneauschools.org, and kevin.allen@juneauschools.org.

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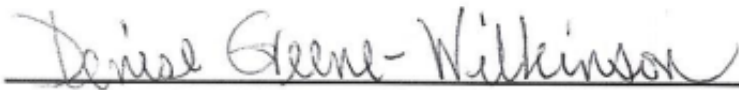
Sources:

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2. Leron, Elad et al. "Overactive Bladder Syndrome: Evaluation and Management." *Current urology* vol. 11,3 (2018): 117-125. doi:10.1159/000447205
3. Juneau School Board Policy 5137
4. Juneau School Board Policy 6120
5. JDHS Student Handbook

Passed unanimously by the 2019 Fall Conference GA at Palmer High School

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AASG Vice President, Forrest Davis

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AASG Executive Director, Denise Greene-Wilkinson