



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #1

Permitting Seniors To Decorate Graduation Caps in the FNSBSD

Submitted by North Pole High School

Submitted: October 5, 2018

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

1. **Whereas**, decorating a graduation cap is one of the most creative ways a student can express themselves at the end of their high school career¹;
2. **Whereas**, individuality is greatly recommended by teachers, parents, and other students;
3. **Whereas**, a student's decorated graduation cap reflects the 4 years of high school they have endured, but also the beginning of what is to come in the future;
4. **Whereas**, some of the more creative art or music students aren't always recognized at the same level as the honour students or athletes;
5. **Whereas**, decorating a graduation cap lets a student express themselves beyond just sashes and cords²;
6. **Whereas**, several schools have been advocating for the privilege to decorate their graduation caps;
7. **Whereas**, graduation caps would be sent into administration three weeks prior to graduation for approval;
8. **Whereas**, students would be given back their approved graduation caps the day of graduation;
9. **Whereas**, since the students have paid for their graduation cap, they should have the ability to decorate it;
10. **Whereas**, it is entirely up to the student to decide whether or not to decorate their cap;
11. **Whereas**, those in attendance would likely enjoy looking at the graduates and seeing the creative designs that the students have made;

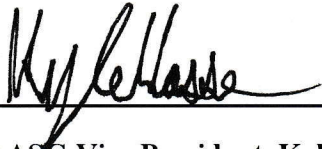
Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, supports the decoration of graduation caps in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

Sources:

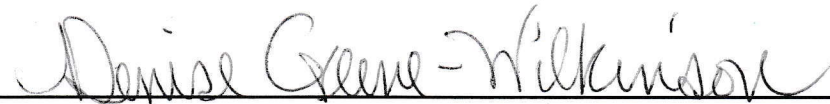
¹ Tran, Lily. "Should Students Be Allowed to Decorate Their Graduation Caps?" *The Bruin Voice*, 26 May 2017, <https://bruinvoice.net/4631/opinion/should-students-be-allowed-to-decorate-their-graduation-caps/>

² "Should Students Decorate Their Graduation Caps? YES." *The Campanile*, 20 May 2015, <https://thecampanile.org/2015/05/20/yes-should-students-decorate-their-graduation-caps/>

Passed unanimously by the 2019 Spring Conference GA at Bethel Regional High School

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AASG Vice President, Kyle Hasse

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AASG Executive Director, Denise Greene-Wilkinson