

Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #1 Dances at Homer High School Submitted by: Homer High School Student Council 10/21/2021

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

- 1. **Whereas,** dances are a positive student activity, encouraging school spirit, engagement, and enhancing a sense of belonging;
- 2. **Whereas,** school dances provide student council members with organization and leadership experience;
- 3. **Whereas,** dances are the main means of fundraising for other Student Council sponsored activities and the annual Student Council scholarship;
- 4. Whereas, other school sponsored activities, such as sports, continue with limited mitigation;²
- 5. **Whereas**, six-foot social distancing is "encouraged" not enforced during the school day;²
- 6. **Whereas,** non-school sponsored dances with low supervision and little attention to negative student behavior continue:
- 7. **Whereas,** school sponsored activities are highly monitored and safe compared to out-of-school functions;
- 8. **Whereas,** school dances help promote social and emotional health, well-being, and peer connection outside of the classroom:
- 9. **Whereas,** social connections and involvement in community are associated with lower teen anxiety, and depression rates;¹

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the reinstatement of school sponsored dances through the 2021-2022 school year.

Action Statement: if passed by the General Assembly of AASG this resolution would be forwarded to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education.

Sources:

1. "Connectedness - Community." *Head to Health*, 11 July 2019, https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/meaningful-life/connectedness/community. 2. 2021-2022 KPBSD Mitigation Plan

Passed by the 2021 Virtual Fall Conference GA Hosted by Palmer High School

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