



**Alaska Association of Student Government
Resolution #10
Career and Technical Education Funding
Submitted by: Ketchikan High School
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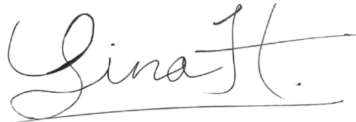
Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

1. **Whereas**, access to Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses provides students with practical skills, career exploration opportunities, and pathways to postsecondary success; ^{1 2}
2. **Whereas**, CTE courses provide valuable trade-based courses, such as welding, woodshop, construction, autoshop, electrical, and sewing; ^{3 4}
3. **Whereas**, many school districts in the State of Alaska, particularly in rural and remote areas, lack consistent access to CTE programming due to geographic and resource limitations; ^{5 6}
4. **Whereas**, equitable access to CTE courses ensures that all students, regardless of location or district size, have opportunities to develop workforce-ready skills; ^{2 6}
5. **Whereas**, CTE programs can partner with local businesses, tradespeople, and community organizations through mentorship; ^{2 6}
6. **Whereas**, investing in CTE programs supports Alaska's workforce development needs by preparing students for high-demand careers within the state; ^{2 6}
7. **Whereas**, dedicated and consistent funding is necessary to establish, maintain, and grow CTE programs across diverse school districts; ⁷
8. **Whereas**, allocating State funding for CTE ensures sustainability of programs; ⁸
9. **Whereas**, Alaska's economy and communities have long relied on skilled trades and technical professions, making the state dependent on a workforce trained in hands-on, career-focused fields; ^{2 6}

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports State funding for all School Districts to provide adequate CTE programs for high school students.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution should be sent to the Alaska State Legislature.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent.

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AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassandra Mirosh" with a horizontal line underneath.

AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh

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