



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #10

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Boys Volleyball Team

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that Fairbanks North Star Borough School District should administer a boys' volleyball team:

1. **Whereas,** there is no high school boys volleyball team in the state of Alaska;
2. **Whereas,** the middle school boys volleyball teams had notable participation, and would increase the participation of boys in high school;
3. **Whereas,** there has been a girls flag football team added to the ASAA sports, and to equalize the amount of female and male sports, boys volleyball should be added as well;
4. **Whereas,** Alaska is very isolated compared to the rest of the lower 48, so to promote versatility, adding the team would accomplish this;
5. **Whereas,** many boys in the state of Alaska are interested in this sport and have a lot of potential in their ability to play;
6. **Whereas,** boys volleyball is trending upward according to NCAA research. Participation between 2012-2018 academic years grew by 29% at the highschool level and 79% at the NCAA level 2;
7. **Whereas,** it promotes more opportunities for male college bound students who wish to play the sport;
8. **Whereas,** volleyball can be played in both indoor and outdoor areas, which is easier to find recreational areas to practice;
9. **Whereas,** regulations for men's net height is 7 feet 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches, while women's net height is 7 feet 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches;^{2,3}
10. **Whereas,** COED volleyball increases the risk of injuries because men play at a more intense level (ex: testosterone levels);
11. **Whereas,** it provides the opportunity for those who do not want to participate in a contact sport, the chance to be apart of a non-contact sports team;

12. Whereas, teens between the ages of 3-17 were found to have a 51.9% increase in the number struggling with anxiety and depression in Alaska, so adding another opportunity to play sports will aid in lowering these rates and offer students an outlet;⁴

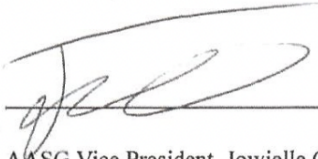
Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the establishment of a high school boys' volleyball team in the FNSBSD in order to increase non-contact sports in the boy's division.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, the passed resolution will be presented to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board.


Works Cited

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Passed by the Spring 2023 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Skagway High School

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AASG Vice President, Jowielle Corpuz

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Navarre', written over a horizontal line.

AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre