

Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #10b

Personal vehicles to be worked on in shops

Submitted by: Hutchison High school; Miranda Hacker

[10/26/2022]

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

- 1. Whereas, Currently, Hutchison High School students are not permitted to work on personal vehicles in the shops at Hutchison¹;
- 2. Whereas, Hutchison High school students ought to be able to work on their personal vehicles in the different automotive shops available at Hutch;
- **3.** Whereas, Until enactment of the restriction in Spring of 2022 students were permitted to work on personal vehicles without district interference;
- 4. Whereas, a waiver of liability signed by student and parents would address the school districts concerns about being liable for any and all damages that result from repairs made to personal vehicles;
- 5. Whereas, many Hutchison students and staff have expressed their discontent with the recent enforcement of this policy;
- 6. Whereas, not allowing students to work on personal vehicles hinders their ability to learn how to fix said vehicle;
- 7. Whereas, the community was told by the school district that the necessary liability form would be created over the summer and that students would be able to resume working on personal vehicles in the fall of 2022, such form has yet to be presented;
- **8.** Whereas, Hutchison is a career and technical education (CTE) school that has 5 career clusters, one of them being automotive technology, with providing shops;

- **9.** Whereas, many of the CTE shop staff are overqualified and have many years of experience in their respective trade and can therefore offer their expert opinion and make sure any repair will be done correctly and safely;
- **10. Whereas,** the purpose of a CTE school is to provide students with authentic learning experiences;
- **11. Whereas,** other CTE schools, such as King Tech in Anchorage are able to work on personal vehicles²;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports allowing students at Hutchison High School to be able to work on personal vehicles in the various automotive shops available, given that some form of waiver is written up to ensure that Hutchison High School is not held liable for anything that may go wrong once the vehicle is on the streets again.

Action Statement: if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, Hutchison High School will present this resolution to the FNSBSD school board in hopes of approval.

Sources:

1. Fairbanks North Star Borough School District / Homepage.

www.k12northstar.org/Page/0?PageType=3. Accessed 26 Oct. 2022;

2. The author of this resolution called King Tech High school's collision repair teacher Kirk Gallagher and confirmed that students of CTE schools in the Anchorage school district are able to work on personal vehicles, with the signing of a waiver;

Passed by the Fall 2022 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Wasilla High School

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