



**Alaska Association of Student Government**

**Resolution #11**

**Implementation of the National Association of Student Council's Raising Student Voice and Participation Program at Sitka High School**

**Submitted by: Sitka High School**

**Submitted: 23 Oct. 2025**

**Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments,** that AASG supports the implementation of the RSVP program to increase student voice and participation.

1. **Whereas,** student voice is defined as “a practice that focuses on providing students with intentional opportunities to express their values, opinions, beliefs, and perspectives;”<sup>1</sup>
2. **Whereas,** “students who believe they have a voice in school are seven times more likely to be academically motivated than students who do not believe they have a voice;”<sup>1</sup>
3. **Whereas,** “students are twice as likely to work hard to reach their goals and four times more likely to be excited about their future career opportunities than those who do not believe they have a voice;”<sup>1</sup>
4. **Whereas,** student voice creates more “engaging, supportive, and responsive learning environments that directly contribute to academic success”;<sup>1</sup>
5. **Whereas,** the Raising Student Voice and Participation Program (RSVP) is a program administered by the National Association of Student Councils;<sup>2</sup>
6. **Whereas,** the focus of RSVP is to provide the opportunity to take student voice and insight to effect changes in schools;<sup>2</sup>

7. **Whereas**, RSVP includes three school-level “summits” where students share their
  - a. “observations of issues within the school and community,
  - b. recommendations for improvements, and
  - c. frameworks for how to put those recommendations into action;”<sup>2</sup>
8. **Whereas**, Tri-Valley has been using RSVP for the last 18 years;
9. **Whereas**, former Tri-Valley school teacher Cassandra Mirosh stated that “RSVP is such a great protocol to get input from students and to help shape student council agendas and work plans”;
10. **Whereas**, Cassandra Mirosh added that Tri-Valley uses the results from RSVP by their administration and shared with their school board each year to address student concerns;
11. **Whereas**, in the 24-25 school year, Sitka High School ran a School Climate and Connectedness survey with students about the state of affairs in our school;
12. **Whereas**, 37% of the students surveyed disagreed with the statement, “My school seeks out the ideas of the students who are having the hardest time in school about how to improve our school;”<sup>3</sup>
13. **Whereas**, 24% of the students surveyed felt that Sitka High School did not provide opportunities to hear from all students about how to improve our school;<sup>3</sup>
14. **Whereas**, one of the Sitka School Board’s guiding principles include “We will expand opportunities and remove participation barriers for students;”<sup>4</sup>
15. **Whereas**, RSVP “involves all students and student populations...extend[ing] opportunities for leadership and involvement to non-elected students;”<sup>5</sup>

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Government**, Supports the implementation of the NASC Raising Student Voice and Participation program in Sitka High School to strengthen student engagement and promote inclusivity.

**Action Statement:** If passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be sent to the Sitka High School Administration and the Sitka School Board for their consideration.

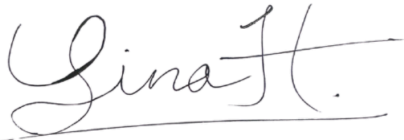
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*The resolution passes with unanimous consent.*

*Passed by the Fall 2025 General Assembly of AASG*

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AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassandra Mirosh" with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh