



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #14

Graduation Cap Resolution

Submitted By: The RSHS Student Government Senior Class

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

1. **Whereas**, in high school, teachers, parents and peers encouraged students to strive for individuality throughout the high school experience;
2. **Whereas**, decoration of high school graduation caps represents one final time that a student can demonstrate their singularity with respect to others as a high school student;
3. **Whereas**, the cap as a physical entity serves as a reminder of the four years of high school one has endured, while at the same time symbolizes the beginning of what is ahead;
4. **Whereas**, artistic students don't often receive the same recognition as honor students and athletes, and cap decorating is a form of self-expression. In an era of inclusion and diversity, not allowing self-expression is counterintuitive;
5. **Whereas**, this is an important event of students' lives that they only get to do once;
6. **Whereas**, students are learning that expressing their individuality would be beneficial to themselves;
7. **Whereas**, some would argue that the students have paid for the caps and gowns, so they should be allowed to do what they'd like to the caps;
8. **Whereas**, the crowd would likely enjoy looking down on the graduates and seeing all of the different designs that the graduates have been able to create on the top of a simple fabric and board cap;

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that graduating seniors be allowed to decorate their own graduation caps as they wish.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the Anchorage School District Superintendent.

Citations:

Should students decorate their graduation caps? YES. (2015, May 20). Retrieved October 16, 2017, from <http://thecampanile.org/2015/05/20/yes-should-students-decorate-their-graduation-caps/>

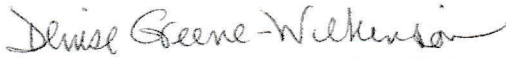
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Passed unanimously by the Alaska Association of Student Governments at the Fall 2017 Conference.



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