



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #14

**Resolution to Receive Full Correspondence Program Funding
Submitted by: Submitted by Family Partnership Charter School**

Submitted: April 26, 2018

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

- 1. Whereas**, Correspondence Programs are currently funded at 90% of the base student funding of Public Schools;¹
- 2. Whereas**, for every 10 students in a Correspondence School, the school receives funding equivalent to 9 students;
- 3. Whereas**, the Base Student Allocation for fiscal years 2017-2019 in Alaska is \$5,930, correspondence students receive \$5,337;²
- 4. Whereas**, the Base Student Allocation should not be reduced due to a student's preferred school of choice;
- 5. Whereas**, students may elect to attend their local school as the increased funding allows for potentially more courses than correspondence programs;
- 6. Whereas**, the parents or guardians of students enrolled in Correspondence Programs absorb the financial burden of traditional school expenses (i.e. Transportation, Security, Instruction, and Grading);
- 7. Whereas**, school funding should be equitable for both traditional and correspondence students;³
- 8. Whereas**, if students in Correspondence Programs were to receive 100% funding, they would still cost the state less to fund than students in conventional schools due to the multiplying factors added to basic student allocations;⁴
- 9. Whereas**, one of the primary reasons Correspondence Programs have reduced funding is due to the fact that they do not pay for a facility; however, students in correspondence

programs pay for facilities when taking any courses at their neighborhood schools, universities, and small group classes;

10. Whereas, Correspondence Program families pay an equal share of municipal taxes yet do not realize the full benefit due to reduced funding;

11. Whereas, all students should have equal funding to pursue educational opportunities;

12. Whereas, correspondence students are expected to meet the same academic rigor given fewer resources;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that Full Funding for Correspondence Programs is necessary for academic equity.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the following:

Anchorage School District

Galena School District

Alaska State Board of Education

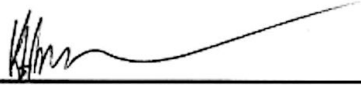
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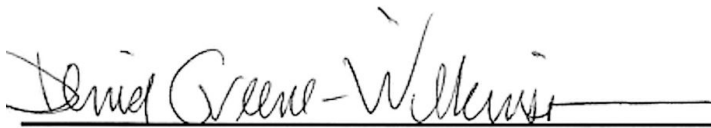
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**Passed, with noted opposition, by the Alaska Association of Student Governments Spring
2018 General Assembly**



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