



**Alaska Association of Student Government**

**Resolution #2**

**The Right to Transportation**

**Submitted by: Effie Kokrine Student Council**

**Submitted: 3/10/25**

**Be it Resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports the implementation of a transportation system for Effie Kokrine Charter School.

1. **Whereas**, student daily attendance is affected by the absence of bus transportation for charter school students, leading to decreased academic engagement and potential learning loss<sup>1</sup>;
2. **Whereas**, graduation rate at Effie Kokrine Charter School dropped significantly since the discontinuation of bus transportation services after Covid-19, creating an unequal educational environment<sup>2,3</sup>;
3. **Whereas**, the lack of transportation directly impacts the student's access to a full education;
4. **Whereas**, the Effie Kokrine Charter School serves a significant population of Alaska Native and American Indian students from the Fairbanks region, providing a culturally relevant education<sup>4</sup>;
5. **Whereas**, the lack of reliable transportation to Effie Kokrine Charter School creates a disadvantage for Fairbanks Native students, hindering equal opportunity to access a learning environment that specifically teaches and values the Native traditions and culture;
6. **Whereas**, the Alaska State Charter School Regulations state “A local school board shall adopt a charter school transportation policy that describes the transportation services that will be provided by the district to students attending a charter school operated by the district,” demonstrating a legal obligation for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District to provide equitable transportation<sup>5</sup>;

7. **Whereas**, other schools in the district have access to district-provided bus transportation services, creating inequality in accessibility for charter school students;
8. **Whereas**, Effie Kokrine Charter School can share some of the buses that share routes, much like they did prior to COVID-19;
9. **Whereas**, Effie Kokrine Charter School and other charter schools in the district do not have access to busses and most public schools do<sup>6</sup>;
10. **Whereas**, the absence of reliable transportation creates a significant safety hazard for Effie Kokrine Charter School students;
11. **Whereas**, students who are forced to walk to school face a greater risk than those transported by bus<sup>7</sup>;
12. **Whereas**, female students who ride the city bus face a greater risk of being assaulted<sup>8,9</sup>;

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports that the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District adhere to the Alaska State Charter School Regulations and develop a comprehensive transportation policy that ensures equal access to transportation for all charter school students.

**Action Statement:** if passed by the general assembly of AASG, Effie Kokrine Student Council will present this resolution to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District School Board.

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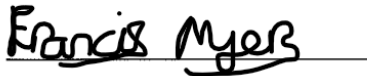
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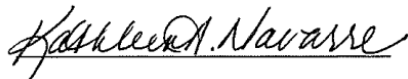
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*Resolution passes with noted opposition*

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