



Alaska Association of Student Government

Resolution #3

Removal of Backpack Policy at West Valley High school

Submitted by West Valley High School Student Council

Submitted: April 25, 2018

Be it Resolved By the Alaska Association of Student Government:

- 1. Whereas**, this policy will only be applicable to West Valley High School;
- 2. Whereas**, currently at West Valley High School, Students are not permitted to have backpacks, book bags or purses with them during the school day;
- 3. Whereas**, Students are not allowed to bring backpacks, book bags or purses into classrooms and students must keep them in their assigned lockers;
- 4. Whereas**, students would either have the option to carry a backpacks, book bags or purses around the school or keep their items in their assigned locker;
- 5. Whereas**, allowing backpacks, book bags or purses would let students use the restrooms, fill up water bottles, or talk to teachers between classes, without increasing the chances of being tardy;
- 6. Whereas**, unattended backpacks, book bags or purses would be identified by teachers/staff members, picked up by safety assistants and brought to the front office until the items are claimed by the owner;
- 7. Whereas**, by removing West Valley's current backpack policy, teachers would have the ultimate decision; Either allowing or not allowing backpacks in their classroom;
- 8. Whereas**, with the allowance of carrying backpacks, book bags or purses around the school, students are able to ensure the security of their BYOD (Bring Your Own Device(s)) such as laptops, tablets and iPads;
- 9. Whereas**, according to our Fall 2017 Backpack School-wide survey: the majority of West Valley's teachers currently complain about this policy lacking consistency between teachers and staff within the school;
- 10. Whereas**, out of the 48 teachers surveyed at West Valley High School, the majority supports the removal of the current school-wide backpack policy;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that West Valley's Backpack Policy be demolished and replaced with a teacher discretion based policy.

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

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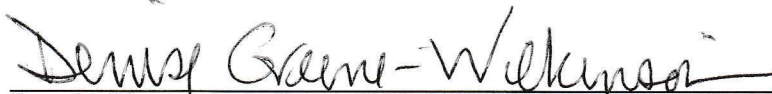
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General Assembly



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