



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution # 5

Recycling Program in Lathrop High School

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

- 1. Whereas,** Plastics make up 70% of all our ocean litter;¹
- 2. Whereas,** Ocean dumping of certain harmful wastes is banned. The Ocean Dumping Ban Act of 1988 amended the MPRSA and now prohibits the ocean dumping of municipal sewage sludge and industrial wastes, such as wastes from plastics and pharmaceutical manufacturing plants and from petrochemical refineries;⁴
- 3. Whereas,** Around 1,200 sea species try to eat, become entangled or choked, and even killed by the trash that people makes;³
- 4. Whereas,** Well-run recycling programs cost less than landfills and incinerators. The more people recycle, the cheaper it gets;⁵
- 5. Whereas,** Fairbanks, Alaska has a recycling center called the FNSB Central Recycling Facility;
- 6. Whereas,** The FNSB Central Recycling Facility is 4 miles away from Lathrop High School (9 driving miles) at 1855 Marika Rd, Fairbanks, AK;²
- 7. Whereas,** School waste is up to 80% recyclable so it makes a huge impact when schools recycle;⁶

8. **Whereas,** There will be three different types of recycling bins: one will be for plastic, another for aluminum cans (Envy cans from our cafeteria specifically), and the third for paper;
9. **Whereas,** We cannot leave food residue on the recyclable material so a sign is required to say to wipe off food residue before putting recyclables into the bins;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments Supports the implementation of recycling bins in Lathrop High School for cans and plastic bottles.


Action Statement: If passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be proposed to Lathrop High School's Principal, Ms. Carly Sween, and the best plan of action for implementing recycling bins will be decided.

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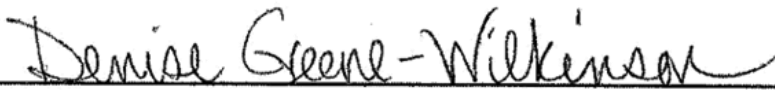
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