



Alaska Association of Student Governments

E-Board Resolution

Encouraging Student Representation on Alaskan School Boards

Submitted by: Alaska Association of Student Government Executive Board

October 23, 2025

Be it Resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports efforts to increase student representation on local school boards statewide

1. **Whereas**, Washington State School Directors' Association or WSSDA describes the role of student representatives as follows: "The student members will contribute to board discussion by providing student insight and perspective, serve as a liaison for the associated student body, and report to students about the work of the board and district activities;"¹
2. **Whereas**, having student representatives will allow students voices to be heard within their schools systems;
3. **Whereas**, there are many ways school districts can implement a student representative on their board;

4. **Whereas**, at Sitka High School, the All Student Body Vice President serves as the school board student representative, and has an advisory vote for any items not pertaining to budgeting or hiring;
5. **Whereas**, at Anchorage School District, the ASD Student Advisory Board elects the ASD School Board Student Representative;
6. **Whereas**, student representatives would be able to have an advising vote, to represent the student body on a topic;
7. **Whereas**, school districts could decide what topics the student representative would have an advisory vote on;
8. **Whereas**, the student representative would not be included in executive sessions;
9. **Whereas**, 2025 Spring conference AASG GA unanimously passed E-Board Resolution #2 calling for the implementation of an Alaska Student Board Member Association (ASBMA)²;
10. **Whereas**, the New York State School Boards Association cites many benefits to having Student Representatives on school boards—including opportunities for mentorship, better informed decision-making, improved community engagement, and more effective policy development³;
11. **Whereas**, Student Representatives would have the support statewide to represent their constituents as best as they can;
12. **Whereas**, Haines Borough School District, Fairbanks North Star Borough, NorthWest Arctic Borough School District, Valdez City Schools, Aleutians East School District, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Alaska Gateway School district, Denali Borough School District, Skagway City School District, Delta-Greely School District,

Kodiak Island Borough School District, Juneau School District, Unalaska City School District, Nome Public Schools, all have a student representative on their school boards;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the incorporation of a student representative in every school board in the state of Alaska.

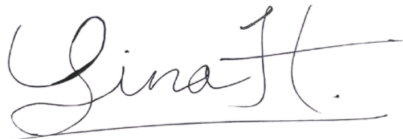
Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, This resolution will be sent to all school districts and student councils in Alaska to urge them to incorporate student representatives in their school boards.

Sources:

1. WSSDA. “Students On Governing Boards” Accessed 23 Oct. 2025.
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3. “7 Benefits of Student School Board Members - New York State School Boards Association.” Nyssba.org, 2025, www.nyssba.org. Accessed 23 Oct. 2025.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Fall 2025 General Assembly of AASG

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AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

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AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh