



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #6

**Request for Alaska Schools to Aim to Develop a Growth Mindset Among Students,
Teachers, Staff, and Administration.**

Submitted by: TMHS

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

1. **Whereas**, a growth mindset is defined as the belief that a person’s “most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work”;¹
2. **Whereas**, a growth mindset is linked to benefits to students’ perseverance and ability to learn from setbacks, self-esteem, mental health, learning engagement and effort, and other positive behaviors;²
3. **Whereas**, the adoption of a growth mindset leads to higher performance, increased school success, and a more supportive environment for students, teachers, and administration;³
4. **Whereas**, a national sampling of teachers found that 98 percent agree that fostering a growth mindset in the classroom will benefit student learning and improve the quality of their instruction;⁴
5. **Whereas**, only 20 percent of this sampling believe that they are good at fostering a growth mindset in students, and 85 percent responded that they would like to get professional development in this area;⁵

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports requesting that all school districts in the state of Alaska aim to develop a growth mindset among Students, Teachers, Staff, and Administration, and to provide support to do so through measures such as professional development, thoughtful hiring, fostering support systems between teachers,


staff, and students, and administrative supervision and evaluation focused on development as opposed to performance.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the Alaska Department of Education.

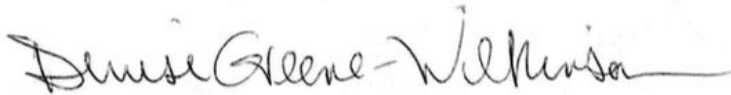
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Passed by the fall 2018 General Assembly at Skagway of the Alaska Association of Student Governments.



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