



**Alaska Association of Student Government  
Resolution #6  
Graduation Cap Policy  
Submitted by: West Anchorage High School  
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**Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:** ASD (Anchorage School District) Graduation Regalia Regulation Policy, listed as AR 5127(b), be amended so that students are allowed to put culturally significant phrases on their cap when pre-approved by their school administration.

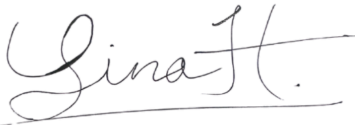
1. **Whereas**, graduation marks a significant milestone for students;
2. **Whereas**, graduating students are allowed to adorn their cap, gown, or stole with cultural objects or tribal regalia;<sup>1</sup>
3. **Whereas**, it is limited to only including the graduation year or the student's name(s) on adornments as stated in AR 5127(b);<sup>1</sup>
4. **Whereas**, culturally significant phrases serve as meaningful expressions of values, heritage, and language;<sup>2</sup>
5. **Whereas**, allowing students to express their culture validates their cultural identity;
6. **Whereas**, requiring administrative approval would ensure all phrases are non-disruptive and appropriate;
7. **Whereas**, allowing approved phrases expands students' cultural expression while maintaining the non-disruptive environment at graduation;

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments** supports ASD Graduation Regalia Regulation Policy to be amended so that culturally significant phrases are

allowed to be displayed on graduation caps as long as it is pre-approved by a student's school administration.

**Action Statement:** If passed by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will proceed to the Anchorage School District's Student Advisory Board and then the Anchorage School Board for further consideration and possible implementation.

*The resolution passes with unanimous consent.*

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AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassandra Mirosh" with a horizontal line underneath.

AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh

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