



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #9

Fairbanks North Star Music Program

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that Fairbanks North Star Borough School District give to the music program an increase in budget for the further education and enrichment of the student:

1. **Whereas,** the current budget plan states all elementary school Band and Orchestra teachers has been released;
2. **Whereas,** multiple studies have shown that students that start learning music earlier have better focus, discipline, brain function, learning capabilities, and cognitive ability when it comes school;^{4, 3}
3. **Whereas,** music helps students develop the memory of the brain, related to language and reasoning;
4. **Whereas,** it helps drive and encourage students to keep them engaged and motivated in other subjects in school;
5. **Whereas,** many middle and highschools are still waiting on resources that increase support staff and help;
6. **Whereas,** with the overwhelming numbers of students coming in from elementary school one teacher can not prioritize the students the way they need to be;
7. **Whereas,** complaints have been frequent with no initiative taken;
8. **Whereas,** all changes in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District should be solely for the benefit of the students and betterment of their education;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports increasing the funding of the Music Program for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, the passed resolution will be presented to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board for consideration.

Works Cited

1. Article for changing Band/Orchestra availability and curriculum-

<https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2022/02/24/e-mail-sent-school-district-staff-raises-questions-about-band-orchestra-programs>

2. Study of Ideal time to start learning an instrument-

<https://www.creativesoulmusic.com/blog/what-is-a-good-age-to-start-music-lessons#:~:text=4%2D7%20Years%20Old,understand%20the%20basics%20of%20music>.

3. Impact of learning music younger-

<https://www.classicfm.com/music-news/musicians-train-young-age-have-more-connected-brains/>

4. Benefits of music-

<https://nafme.org/important-benefits-of-music-in-our-schools/>

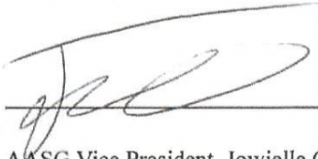
5. School District Budget 2023-2024-

https://www.k12northstar.org/cms/lib/AK01901510/Centricity/Domain/4/FY24%20Recommended%20Budget_Web.pdf

6. Pros of starting at a younger age-

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6483258/>

Passed by the Spring 2023 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Skagway High School

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AASG Vice President, Jowielle Corpuz

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen Navarre', written over a horizontal line.

AASG Executive Director, Kathleen Navarre