




## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Nancy Rock, President  
Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** Board Legislative Committee

**THROUGH:** David Vadivelloo, Chief School Administrator 

**FROM:** Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

**DATE:** September 1, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Association of Alaska School Boards  
Resolutions

**Memo No: SB23-022**  
**(Action Item)**

#### **NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:**

2.0 Community Engagement: Foster collective responsibility, commitment, and trust between the school and community.

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

#### **Issue Summary:**

The Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) is soliciting resolutions, resolution amendments, and comments from local school boards for consideration at the 2022 Annual Conference on November 3-6, 2022 in the Anchorage Hotel Captain Cook. The resolution committee will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2022. This will then be adopted by the membership at the Delegate Assembly on November 6, 2022. These resolutions guide AASB for the coming year in the upcoming legislative session.

AASB asks each school board to carefully review the resolutions packet and advance only those resolutions or amendments that they deem necessary. For renewal, AASB is recommending the renewal of all resolutions currently scheduled to sunset and discontinuation of 2.54 Use of FY20 Student Adjusted Average Daily Membership Data to Hold District's Harmless in Loss of Student Enrollment Related to COVID-19 During the FY21 and FY22 School Year. An AASB 2020 Resolution Process and Timeline is included.

The AASB Board of Directors recommended one new resolutions:

#### *1.15 Opposing the REAA Reapportionment and Recasting of Seats for REAA's Impacted*

Based on the results of the 2020 Census, there was a reapportionment and recasting of school board seats in many REAAs across the state. While the state provided a comment period, it appears that the concerns about the effects of how recasting and its implementation were not adequately regarded. In several cases, the recast school member districts are now forcing existing, experienced school board members to face elections against each other. AASB does not currently have a resolution that speaks specifically to reapportionment and recasting procedures. Should legislation be proposed in the future to address some of these issues, there are not any statements adopted by the membership that would permit AASB to speak to the issue. The AASB Board is forwarding to the

Resolutions Committee a resolution that addresses these concerns and provides the basis for our ability to speak to this issue.

*Tribal Compacted Schools – Draft Resolution*

In addition, AASB administration does not have a resolution or belief statement that specifically speaks to the creation of tribally compacted public schools. With the passage of Senate Bill 34 in the 32nd Legislature, five demonstration schools will be identified to begin creating the first compact schools in the state. While the compact itself is between the State of Alaska, the Federal government, and recognized tribes, AASB leadership believes it is important for districts to be kept informed and available as a resource to the process. School boards will not be directly involved in the compact negotiations but may be significantly affected by them. In order for AASB to comment or participate in discussions that would pertain to school compacting, AASB will need a resolution addressing the issue. Our Board may review the proposed draft resolution prepared by AASB to be brought forward to the Resolution Committee for consideration.

Additional sources of information regarding this topic is below:

- Link to AK DEED Tribal Compacting Information: <https://education.alaska.gov/compacting>
- Link to AK Bills & Laws, SB34: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/32?Root=SB%20%2034>
- Tribal Compacting Informational One-Pager included

*Creating Comprehensive Support for Families and Students to Navigate College and Career Training Opportunities – Draft Resolution*

Regarding postsecondary education opportunities, AASB provided a draft resolution our Board may consider, as there is not a resolution relating to this issue.

*Base Student Allocation Increase: Making Up for Lost Ground Due to Inflation*

AASB is recommending districts propose a resolution to address a modest increase to the Base Student Allocation as School Districts have been essentially flat funded since Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

**Recommendation:**

The Board’s Legislative Committee met August 29, 2022 and does not recommend any resolutions for the Association of Alaska School Boards at this time.

**Background:**

Any resolutions, resolution amendments, and comments from local school boards must be submitted by October 4, 2022 by midnight. These submissions from across the state will be available for review beginning Saturday, October 15, 2022, 20 days before the annual conference. Only the title and resolution are voted on by the AASB membership, not the rationale. To comment on or put forward suggested resolution changes, AASB requests board’s schedule time to discuss the resolutions at a regular meeting and vote by official board action. This was done during the Legislative Committee meeting on August 29, 2022 and this meeting’s work session.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve resolution \_\_\_\_\_, to be brought forward for consideration by the Resolution Committee at the AASB Annual Conference on November 3, 2022.”

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Advisory Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_