



**RESOLUTION OF THE CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Resolution No. 2026: 02

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOWERING THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE FROM SEVEN TO FIVE YEARS OF AGE AS IDENTIFIED IN *ALASKA STATUTE 14.30.010* AND REQUIRING KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute AS 14.30.010 currently requires children between the ages of seven and sixteen to attend school; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that early childhood education provides a critical foundation for lifelong learning, social-emotional development, and academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, access to high-quality early learning experiences, including kindergarten, is strongly correlated with improved literacy, numeracy, and readiness skills in the early elementary school grades; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring school attendance beginning at age five will ensure equitable access to education, better align Alaska with national standards, and provide consistency across districts in the enrollment and education of young learners; and

**WHEREAS**, many families in Alaska already choose to enroll their children in kindergarten at age five, yet under current law attendance remains voluntary until age seven, often resulting in gaps in readiness and achievement for those who delay entry; and

**WHEREAS**, lowering the compulsory school age from seven to five will ensure that all students benefit from early academic and social development, thereby strengthening Alaska's public education system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as the governing board responsible for ensuring the education, well-being, and safety of students in its care, the Cordova School District Board of Education strongly supports legislation amending AS 14.30.010 to lower the compulsory school age from seven to five years of age; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cordova School District Board of Education supports requiring kindergarten attendance as part of Alaska's compulsory education law.

Approved by the Cordova School District Board of Education on SEPTEMBER 10, 2025.

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