

LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 20-01

A resolution requesting the Governor of Alaska to support educational funding.

WHEREAS the geographic make-up of our great state increases the cost of education to levels higher than the rest of the United States; yet, funding for education in Alaska has been continually reduced with negative outcomes for students;

WHEREAS local funding for education in rural Alaska is not feasible for many of our communities;

WHEREAS cutting money for education does not raise educational standards. It increases student-teacher ratios, reduces student opportunities, eliminates innovative educational programs, and decreases student achievement;

WHEREAS the Lake and Peninsula School Board represents hundreds of families in Southwest Alaska and has been tasked with providing the best education possible to our children;

WHEREAS Lake and Peninsula School District has been cutting programs, positions, and doing more with less year after year;

WHEREAS, as an educator, the Governor has to understand that doing more with less is not a feasible path to reform;

WHEREAS, as a candidate, the Governor promised no education cuts. Rural Alaska voted for his administration based on a full PFD, not based on heavy educational cuts that affect the schools that are the mainstays of our communities;

WHEREAS if reading proficiency is a goal of this administration, a review of student achievement and reading proficiency in small schools vs. large schools should be reviewed prior to targeting small schools for budgetary reasons;

WHEREAS the State of Alaska values education, this board and our constituents can in no way support the balancing of the budget on the backs of our children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake and Peninsula School District asks the Governor, a former educator, to “Stand Tall for Education.”

Resolution approved by the Lake and Peninsula School District Board of Education

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date