LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT **RESOLUTION 24-02**

WHEREAS, on March 14th Governor Mike Dunleavy vetoed the bipartisan education bill SB 140; saying no to increased internet speeds for rural students and increasing the base student allocation.

WHEREAS, rural Alaska schools are capped at 25Mbps for internet download speeds; creating inequity in technology with their peers in urban Alaska

WHEREAS, school funding has not had a significant increase in seven years, leading to loss of purchasing power for school districts; leading to cuts in staff, closing of schools and increased class sizes in schools across the state.

WHEREAS, students in schools who have historically been denied a well-rounded education

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake and Peninsula School District Board of Education supports the legislature in overriding the governor's veto to SB 140 and allowing SB 140 to become law; increasing internet speeds for students in rural Alaska schools; increasing the Base Student Allocation by \$680 and increasing transportation funding by \$7.3 million.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to all members of the Alaska House of Representatives and Senate representing the families in our District.

APPROVED by the Lake and Peninsula School District Board of Education this 15th day of March. 2024.

ATTEST: Board of Directors:

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