

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: January 22, 2025

NUMBER: 25-056

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of Residential
School Resolution 25-003

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Track 1: Operational Improvements

Initiative: Optimize Business Practices

ABSTRACT:

The NWABSD administration requests a resolution from the School Board supporting a statutory funding increase to the residential school per-pupil monthly stipend. This support is coming from the following regions BSSD, Nome, Lower Yukon, Chugach, Lower Kuskokwim, Galena City, and Nenana City

ISSUE:

At issue is the approval of a Resolution supporting a statutory funding increase to the residential school per-pupil monthly stipend.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Residential school stipend funding per current Alaska statute 14.16.200 has remained flat since the 2014-2015 (FY25) school year. Recognizing the need for additional funding, the legislature and the governor provided one-time appropriations totaling \$3,633,950 over FY23, FY24, and FY25. Going into FY26, however, residential schools need a statutory funding increase. Without a funding increase, the FY26 stipend funding amount will revert to statutory FY15 funding levels.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Resolution 25-003 supporting a statutory funding increase to the residential school per-pupil monthly stipend as presented;
2. Do not approve Resolution 25-003 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board approve Resolution 25-003 supporting a statutory funding increase to the residential school per-pupil monthly stipend as presented.



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RESOLUTION 25-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (NWABSD) IN SUPPORT OF A STATUTORY FUNDING INCREASE TO THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL PER-PUPIL MONTHLY STIPEND

WHEREAS, Alaska's residential school programs deliver high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs of study as well as collegiate-level coursework through Advanced Placement/dual-credit programming,

WHEREAS, Alaska's residential school programs graduate hundreds of young Alaskans every year ready to enter the workforce, to enlist in the armed forces, or to enroll in post-secondary education opportunities,

WHEREAS, residential school funding per current Alaska statute 14.16.200 has remained flat since the 2014-2015 (FY15) school year,

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for additional funding, the legislature and the governor provided one-time appropriations totaling \$3,633,950 over FY23, FY24, and FY25,

WHEREAS, during FY24, the cost of delivering room and board services was approximately \$12,750 per student (double the revenue from statutory state stipend funding), and

WHEREAS, without a funding increase, the FY26 per-pupil monthly stipend funding amount intended to cover room and board expenses will revert to statutory FY15 funding levels,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the NWABSD Board of Education urges the legislature and the governor to support the following update to Alaska statute 14.16.200(b)(2):

- (A) for the Southeast Region (Region I), \$2,460;
- (B) for the Southcentral Region (Region II), \$2,400;
- (C) for the Interior Region (Region III), \$2,904;
- (D) for the Southwest Region (Region IV), \$3,018;
- (E) for the Northern Remote Region (Region V), \$3,552.

ADOPTED, January 22, 2025, at a duly convened special meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education, a quorum was present and voted.

ATTEST:

Margaret Hansen,
President, NWABSD Board of Education

Tillie Ticket,
Secretary, NWABSD Board of Education