



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Resolution 2025-06

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS TO CRITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Southeast Island School District (SISD) is committed to ensuring equitable, culturally responsive, and high-quality education for all students across our remote and diverse communities in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the proposed federal budget for education includes significant reductions or eliminations to essential programs that disproportionately impact rural, Alaska Native, and high-need students; and

WHEREAS, the Migrant Education Program provides crucial academic and health-related services that support the educational stability of highly mobile migrant learners; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Education Act (ANEA)—with its \$45 million in competitive grants—supports the development of culturally relevant curricula, enrichment in STEM fields, and professional development for educators of Alaska Native students; and its elimination would severely hinder efforts toward educational equity and cultural responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) is vital for ensuring rural schools like those in SISD can meet students' needs despite geographic isolation and limited local resources, and proposed consolidations and reductions would jeopardize this capacity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget would restructure Title I and IDEA funding, absorbing additional responsibilities without increasing financial support, thereby straining the resources intended for students with disabilities and those from low-income households; and

WHEREAS, the Full Service Community Schools (FSCS) initiative, which currently supports SISD and its partner communities through integrated health, social, and academic services, is threatened by severe funding cuts that would dismantle vital support systems for students and families; and

WHEREAS, Family Engagement Centers, also supported by current federal grants in Alaska, are essential for fostering school-family partnerships proven to enhance student achievement, and the proposed budget would reduce or eliminate these centers; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) has formally adopted resolutions in strong opposition to these proposed budget cuts, including but not limited to:

- Resolution 5.12 – Urging the Continuation of the Alaska Native Education Act
- Resolution 2.5 – AASB Advocacy on IDEA
- Resolution 2.7 – Funding for Intensive Needs Pre-School and Other Intensive Needs Students
- Resolution 4.4 – Special Education and Related Services Training
- Resolution 5.27 – In Support of Arts Education Using Title I Funds

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeast Island School District Board of Education:

1. Strongly opposes the proposed federal budget cuts to Migrant Education, ANEA, REAP, Title I, IDEA, Full Service Community Schools, and Family Engagement Centers.
2. Stands with AASB in advocating for full, sustained, and protected federal funding for these vital programs.
3. Urges Alaska's Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Department of Education, and federal appropriators to reject these harmful cuts and prioritize investment in the educational success of Alaska's students, especially those in rural and underserved communities.
4. Directs the Superintendent to disseminate this resolution to the appropriate legislative representatives, the Commissioner of Education, and AASB, and to advocate in coordination with other districts and partners for the preservation of these critical supports.

ADOPTED June 24, 2025, at a duly convened meeting of the Southeast Island School District Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voting.

Anthony Lovell
SISD Board President

Attested: _____
Molly Kimzey
SISD Board Clerk