

**SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Resolution 2019-04**

**A Resolution by the Southeast Island School District in Support of SB 50, Sponsored by Senator Bishop, to Raise New Revenue in Support of Capital Needs for the State's K-12 School System.**

**WHEREAS**, from 1919 to 1980, Alaska, as a Territory and a State, imposed an annual employment head tax for the purpose of funding schools; and

**WHEREAS**, when repealed in 1980, the tax was \$10 per person, which has the equivalent value of \$30 today; and

**WHEREAS**, the current budget deficit of the State of Alaska constrains the state's ability to address deferred maintenance needs and new school construction needs in our school systems; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 50, which revives the employment head tax imposed on both residents and nonresidents, is estimated to raise \$13 million annually; and

**WHEREAS**, these new funds will be accounted for separately and used to pay for the growing maintenance and construction needs of Alaska's K-12 schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Southeast Island School Board of Education supports Senator Bishop's efforts in promoting SB50 to address the capital needs of Alaska's schools and encourages the Alaska Legislature to favorably consider SB 50.

**ADOPTED** April 17, 2019 at a duly convened meeting of the Southeast Island School District Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voting.

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Heidi Young  
SISD Board President

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shannon Silverthorn  
SISD Board Clerk