

Special Meeting  
Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:00 AM

Virtual Via Ring Central  
109 Charles W St  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## **Agenda**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DETERMINE QUORUM**
3. Action: Resolution 2024-2 Override SB140 Veto
4. **Adjourn**

*School Board Resolution: Override SB 140 Veto*  
**Petersburg Board of Education**  
**Resolution No. 2024-2**

**WHEREAS**, on March 14<sup>th</sup> Governor Mike Dunleavy vetoed the bipartisan education bill SB 140; saying no to increased internet speeds for rural students, no to increasing the base student allocation, and no to increased pupil transportation funding; and

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

**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, reductions to critical programs, and increased class sizes in schools across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts are consistently unable to create sustainable budgets due to flat funding and/or vetoes to education funding, which creates instability for students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Petersburg School Board 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.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the Petersburg School District, Petersburg, Alaska, at the special open public meeting thereof, held this 16th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST: Petersburg Board of Education:

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Sarah Holmgrain, President

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Katie Holmlund, Vice President

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Jay Lister, Member

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Niccole Olsen, Member

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Carey Case, Secretary, Board of Education

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Erica Kludt-Painter, Superintendent