

**Resolution from West High School PTSA:
Requesting Action by the 28th Alaska Legislature
Regarding the BSA Bills Currently Under Consideration**

At a well-attended regular meeting of the West High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), an association organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alaska, held on February 6, 2014 at West High School, a quorum being present, the Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution.

WHEREAS two bills, SB139 and SB147, addressing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) are currently under consideration by the Alaska Legislature:

And WHEREAS SB139, as introduced at the request of Governor Parnell, raises the BSA by \$201 over three years;

And WHEREAS SB147, as introduced by Senator Gardner, raises the BSA by \$404 in the next fiscal year;

And WHEREAS SB139 is wholly inadequate to compensate for deficits to the budget resulting from flat funding and resultant inflationary losses;

And WHEREAS SB147 provides an inflationary adjustment to the base student allocation;

And WHEREAS the Anchorage schools have had to cut counselors and support staff in order to absorb inflationary losses to the budget resulting from continued flat funding in fiscal year 2014;

And WHEREAS the Governor's proposed increase to the BSA is insufficient to forestall additional staffing cuts to Anchorage schools in fiscal year 2015;


And WHEREAS the West High PTSA values teachers and programs at all grade levels in the Anchorage School District and believes all reasonable efforts should be made to keep class size down in elementary schools; keep middle schools programs intact; as well as keep high school six periods instead of seven;

And WHEREAS the West High PTSA believes the teacher and counselor cuts in the coming year will result in reduced quality of education for all students in the public schools;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West High School PTSA respectfully requests that the Legislature of the State of Alaska advance SB147 through the Senate Education Committee; and advance SB147 through all necessary subsequent committees, in order to take the vote to the entire Senate. Alternatively, that SB139 be amended in Sections 14-16 to increase the BSA to SB147 levels.

I, Eli Shayer, the undersigned Secretary of the said West High School PTSA, certify that I am the Secretary of the West High School PTSA, that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct representation of the Resolution passed by the Board on the day specified, and that the Board has never revoked, rescinded, or set aside the Resolution, and that it is now in full force and effect.

Dated February 17, 2014



Eli Shayer, Secretary
West High School PTSA

cc: all members of the Alaska Legislature; all members of the Anchorage School Board