

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska addresses its Constitutional responsibility for public education funding through the school foundation formula which includes a "base student allocation," referenced often as the "BSA";

WHEREAS, funding through the State of Alaska Public School Funding Program is the Anchorage School District's most significant revenue source;

WHEREAS, the BSA is not automatically adjusted for inflation each year;

WHEREAS, inclusion of an annual inflation factor in the formula is necessary to sustain a financial commitment to safe and public access to education;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's BSA is a "per-student" payment to school districts, currently set at \$5,680, and has remained the same since 2011;

WHEREAS, based on the inflation rate calculated from the consumer price index for Alaska, the BSA needs to be increased by \$404 to restore the funding level lost to inflation;

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2014, the Anchorage School District proposed its 2014-2015 school budget requiring a layoff of six percent of its teachers and increasing class size, which represent only some of the cuts targeted at closing a \$23 MILLION dollar budget deficit;

WHEREAS other school districts throughout Alaska are experiencing comparable per student budget shortfalls;

WHEREAS, the current BSA of \$5,680 is not adequate to meet the State's responsibility for safe and public access to public education in Alaska;

WHEREAS, it is critical that the State of Alaska provide forward funding to its schools, to provide the funding certainty to enable school districts to retain teachers and other staff, and to otherwise plan annual balanced budgets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the under listed leaders of parent-teacher organizations within the Anchorage School District support an increase in the State of Alaska's Base Student Allocation by at least \$404 this legislative year, inflation-proofing the school foundation formula to sustain financial commitment to safe and public access to public education, and forward-funding Alaska's schools.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the following members of parent-teacher organizations on this 3rd day of March, 2014.

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