



ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.

2011 ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION 11-06

TITLE: SUPPORT STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports one out of every eight Alaska families struggles to put food on the table; and,

WHEREAS: Hunger in America 2010 cites 74,000 Alaskans seek food assistance each year and 43% of households visiting food pantries in Alaska have a child under the age of 18; and,

WHEREAS: Inadequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children and is associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor test scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among 6 to 12 year old children; and,

WHEREAS: Insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system, making them 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health than children with adequate nutrition; and,

WHEREAS: The USDA lunch and breakfast programs provide a base level of support for nutrition to underprivileged children in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS: Alaskan schools that participate in the USDA School Lunch and Breakfast Programs increasingly struggle with the costs associated for providing the basic nutrition to students; and,

WHEREAS: Senate Bill 3 will provide the needed financial support from the State to strengthen and expand the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs in Alaska, so that all eligible children at all schools throughout the state may benefit; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Delegates to the 2011 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., that AFN strongly endorses the passage of Senate Bill 3 by the Alaska State Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY: AFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONVENTION ACTION: PASSED





RESOLUTION

Support for State Funding for School Meals

WHEREAS the mission of the Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) - a statewide group of non-profit, faith-based, tribal and government organizations is working to help feed hungry Alaskans in their communities and strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs in the state; and

WHEREAS Alaska State Senators passed SB03 during the 2011 legislative session supporting AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS Feeding America analysis of 2006-2008 United States Department Agriculture data on food insecurity in America found 14.3%, or 26,534 children in Alaska under 18 years of age are food insecure, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experienced food insecurity; and

WHEREAS insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. In comparison to food secure children, children from food insecure families are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30% higher rates of hospitalization; and

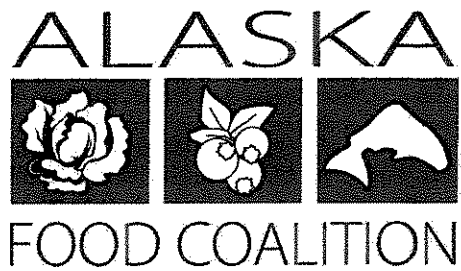
WHEREAS the lack of adequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Food insecurity is associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor mathematics scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among 6 to 12 year old children; and

WHEREAS food insecurity puts children in development in jeopardy, characterized by challenges with speaking, behavior, and movement; increasing the likelihood of later problems with attention, learning, and social interaction. Young children living in low income and food insecure households are more likely to be developmentally at risk than children from food secure households; and

WHEREAS federal programs exist to assist in providing nutrition to children through the schools, most notably the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; and

WHEREAS Alaskan schools primarily do not offer breakfast programs because it is not economically feasible. The federal reimbursement for breakfast does not cover the high costs of food and transportation in Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Food Coalition supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.



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SUPPORT FOR ALASKA STATE SUPPORT OF SCHOOL MEALS

The organizations listed below have signed resolutions in support of State Funding for School Meals:

State Educational Organizations:

- Aleutians East School District
- Anchorage School District
- Bering Strait School Board
- Bristol Bay Borough School Board
- Chugach School District
- Copper River School District
- Cordova School Board
- Iditarod Area School District
- Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
- Lake and Peninsula School District
- Kuspuk School District
- Lower Kuskokwim School District
- Nenana School Board
- Petersburg City Schools
- Yakutat School District
- Yupiit School District
- Valdez School District

Additional Organizations:

- ALPHA – Alaska Public Health Association
- Alaska Association of Social Workers
- Homer Community Food Pantry
- Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
- NEA-Alaska Chapter
- Petersburg Indian Association
- Unity Outreach, North Pole, AK

Organizational support through letters, testimony, etc. has been submitted by:

- AARP Alaska
- Alaska Action for Healthy Kids Team
- Alaska School Nutrition Association
- Alaska Youth & Parent Foundation
- Association of Alaska School Boards
- Food Bank of Alaska



Action for Healthy Kids®

Because healthy kids learn better

Senate Finance Committee
VIA FAX

February 7, 2011

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Senators Hoffman and Steadman,

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Action for Healthy Kids team, a coalition of Alaskan organizations, agencies and individuals who support ways to fight children obesity through changes in school policies.

We support SB 3!

Lack of adequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Research shows that school breakfast

(1) improves student performance; (2) increases school attendance; (3) decreases school violence; and (4) fights obesity and improves nutrition

- * 42% of Alaska students qualify for free/reduced school meals (over 51,000 students)

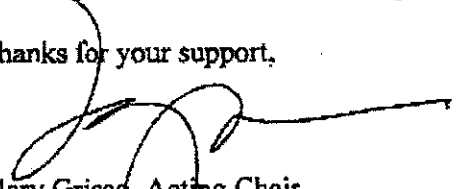
- * 15% of the students that qualify for free/reduced school meals do not attend schools that offer a breakfast program (over 7,000 missed meals) Over 23,000 Alaska students attend a public school that does not offer a school breakfast program.

We urge Alaska join 25 other states that provide state funds to supplement the federal reimbursement so that all Alaskan children have access to healthy meals at school.

"Childhood Obesity: The Preventable Threat to America's Youth" follows this fax. We invite you to www.actionforhealthykids.org to find more fact sheets.

If I can provide more information, please contact me at mary.grisco@elmendorf.af.mil.

Thanks for your support,



Mary Grisco, Acting Chair
Alaska Action For Healthy Kids Team
And Executive Director, All Alaska Pediatric Partnership

Fact Sheet



Action for Healthy Kids®

Childhood Obesity The Preventable Threat to America's Youth

The majority of American youth are sedentary and do not eat well. The resulting poor nutrition and lack of physical activity has created an epidemic of childhood obesity that is preventable, yet shows no sign of decreasing. Action for Healthy Kids helps schools make changes that will make their students healthier, which in turn will improve their achievement.

Prevalence and Trends

Overweight and obesity impairs or threatens the health of millions of American children.

- Thirty-two percent of American children and adolescents are overweight or obese, with a 16% of youth 2-19 falling into the obese category
- Rates of overweight and obesity remain high with 31.9% of children and adolescents aged 2-19 years at or above the 85th percentile of the 2000 BMI-for-age growth charts.¹
- For children aged 2-19 11% are above the 97th percentile, 15% above the 95th percentile, and 30% above the 85th percentile. About 2/3 of those with BMIs above the 95th percentile have BMIs above the 97th percentile, indicating much severe obesity.¹

Racial/Ethnic Populations

Although overweight has increased for all children and adolescents over time, data indicate disparities among racial/ethnic groups.

- 28% of African-American girls aged 12 to 19 are obese, as are 20% of Mexican-American girls.¹
- 18.5% of African-American and 22% of Mexican-American boys are overweight or obese.¹
- Among 12-19 year olds, those above the 97th percentile BMI included 20% of non-Hispanic black girls, 18% of Mexican American boys, and 9% of white girls.¹

Contributing Factors

Poor eating habits and lack of physical activity are root causes of overweight and obesity.

- Only 2% of school-aged children consume the recommended daily number of servings from all five major food groups, and only 30% consume the suggested amount of milk.²
- Caloric contribution from sugar sweetened beverages increased significantly from 204 kcal/day in 1988-1994 to 224 kcal/day in 1999-2004.³
- 35% of students watch television 3 or more hours per average school day.⁴
- Only 35% of students are physically active for 60 minutes at least 5 days per week.⁴

Health Consequences

Childhood obesity is a medical concern, not a cosmetic issue.

- An obese 4-year-old has a 20% chance of becoming an obese adult, and an obese teenager has up to an 80% chance of becoming an obese adult.⁵

- Overweight children and teens have been found to have risk factors for cardiovascular disease (CVD), including high cholesterol levels, high blood pressure, and abnormal glucose tolerance.
- Among 5- to 17-year-olds, almost 60% of overweight children had at least one CVD risk factor while 25 percent of overweight children had two or more CVD risk factors.⁷
- Severely overweight and obese children often suffer from depression, anxiety disorders, isolation from their peers, low self-esteem, and eating disorders.

Academic Consequences

A growing body of evidence indicates that poor nutrition, physical inactivity and obesity are associated with lower student achievement.

- The psychological stress of social stigmatization can cause low self-esteem which, in turn, can hinder academic and social functioning, and persist into adulthood.⁸
- Hunger, physical and emotional abuse, and chronic illness can lead to poor school performance.¹⁰
- Overweight kindergartners had significantly lower math and reading test scores at the beginning of the year than did their non-overweight peers, and these lower scores continued into first grade.^{11,12}

Economic Consequences

- Childhood obesity is estimated to cost \$14 billion annually in health expenses.^{13,14}
- Severely overweight children miss four times as much school as normal-weight kids.⁸ If such health problems keep children out of school just one day per month, this could cost a large school district like Los Angeles about \$15 million each year. An average size school district could likely forfeit \$95,000 to \$160,000 annually.¹⁵
- Obesity-associated annual hospital costs for children increased more than threefold from \$35 million during 1979-1981 to \$127 million during 1997-1999.¹⁶

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Carol Comeau

February 16, 2011

Honorable Bill Wielechowski
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 115
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Comments Regarding ASD Support of SB3

Dear Senator ^{Bill}Wielechowski,

The Anchorage School District Student Nutrition Department has been able to weather the difficult financial challenges over the last five years thanks to the support of the Anchorage School Board.

In 2005-2006 the School Board approved a ten cent increase in all meal prices and a twenty-five cent increase in 2007-2008 and in 2008-2009. The sixty cent increase in that short period of time made it difficult for many families to pay for meals for their children.

In May of 2008 the School Board approved the transfer of \$1.123 million from the general fund to the Student Nutrition fund to cover losses from previous years and help the department for the next few years from increasing meal costs for parents/students.

The Student Nutrition Department has reduced staff to the point that further reductions are no longer possible. Truck and equipment replacement purchases have been severely reduced since 2007. Some equipment parts were taken from units to keep other equipment operational. That only worked until there were no more units available for parts. The School Board has approved use of the Student Nutrition fund balance to offset the need for replacement trucks and equipment. That only works until the fund balance is gone.

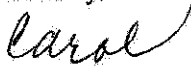
Since 2005 food costs have escalated as shown below and it is predicted that food costs will go up another three to ten percent over the next few years. The new dietary guideline will require ever higher costs especially in Alaska because most fresh fruits and vegetables are not grown in colder climates. According to our records annual expenditures for food products since 2005-2006 are as follows:

2005-2006	\$4,379,194
2005-2007	\$5,076,974
2005-2008	\$4,991,302
2005-2009	\$5,152,219
2005-2010	\$5,328,019

Student Nutrition has done everything possible to control food costs but much of that effort is lost through increases in employee benefits, salaries, and retirement costs.

State reimbursement will help offset increased food costs associated with the new dietary guidelines. Every district in the state will be impacted. The addition of breakfast reimbursement will allow Anchorage School District to evaluate schools not currently served. The additional state funding for breakfast may allow the ASD to provide meals at schools for which it was not previously economically possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol".

Carol Comeau
Superintendent



Suggested by: Council Member Marquis

CITY OF KENAI

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST."

WHEREAS, Alaska Senate Bill 3 was pre-filed on January 7, 2011 and introduced in the Alaska Senate on January 19, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the bi-partisan bill proposes amendment to the Alaska Statutes, Chapter 14.03, by adding a new section to provide for improved funding of school lunches and breakfasts for eligible students; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's education policy set forth in AS 14.03.015 states: It is the policy of this state that the purpose of education is to help ensure that all students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3, if enacted, would supplement the cost of lunches and breakfasts provided to each student who is eligible for a free or a reduced-price lunch under 42 U.S.C. 1771 - 1784; and,

WHEREAS, scientific research shows that adequate nourishment and nutrition is imperative for proper cognitive and behavioral development in students, and that eating quality meals, especially breakfast, is directly related to increases in test scores, decreases in the rate of childhood obesity, and a decrease in school violence; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of only a few states that currently does not supplement school lunch and breakfast funding, and ranks 48th in the nation for participation in school breakfast programs; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3 has the support of the Food Bank of Alaska, the Alaska Food Coalition, and other organizations, school districts and education boards throughout Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, the City of Kenai recognizes the importance of the adequate nourishment and nutrition of our children and students and supports enactment of Alaska Senate Bill 3; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Alaska Senate President Gary Stevens, Alaska House Speaker Rep. Chenault and the

other members of the Kenai Peninsula Legislative Delegation, and the Senate Bill 3 sponsors including Senators Wielechowski, Ellis, Davis, Egan, French, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Paskvan, and Thomas.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, this second day of February, 2011.

PAT PORTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Carol L. Freas, City Clerk

Mountain View Community Council

2011 RESOLUTION

Title: **SUPPORT STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Hunger in America 2010 cites 74,000 Alaskans seek food assistance each year and 43% of households visiting food pantries in Alaska have a child under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports one out of every eight Alaska families struggles to put food on the table; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of only a few states that does not supplement school breakfast and lunch funding, and ranks ninth from the bottom of all 50 states in the participation of low income children in the school meal programs;

WHEREAS, Twenty percent of Alaska's schools participating in the school lunch program do not offer school breakfast, impacting 22,253 Alaskan children, 6,850 of whom are children from low income families who qualify for free or reduced price meals; and

WHEREAS, Inadequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children and is associated tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor test scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among 6 to 12 year old children; and

WHEREAS, Insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system, making them 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health than children with adequate nutrition; and

WHEREAS, The USDA lunch and breakfast programs provide a base level of support for nutrition to underprivileged children in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan schools that participate in the USDA School Lunch and Breakfast Programs increasingly struggle with the costs associated for providing the basic nutrition to students; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3 will provide the needed financial support from the State to strengthen and expand the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs in Alaska, so that all eligible children at all schools throughout the state may benefit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mountain View Community Council strongly endorses the passage of Senate Bill 3 by the Alaska State Legislature.

dated Oct 10, 2011

Don Cranhall
President, MVCC

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Alaska School Nutrition Association

ATTENTION DARWIN PETERSON:

Office of Honorable Senator Bert Stedman:

We wish to thank the Senator for any and all kind help with the support for Alaska children as reflected in Senate Bill 3.

This school meal assistance is a big deal for those of us tasked with providing the 11 million USDA school meals each year to Alaska Children.

The \$.35 per Breakfast in SB 3 will be partnered with the well established USDA support of \$2.36 per breakfast for students qualifying as free.

The \$.15 per Lunch in SB 3 will be partnered with the well established USDA support of \$4.43 per lunch for students qualifying as free.

The long time successful USDA staffers serving students in Petersburg- Sitka- and all across Alaska need the SB 3 help for supporting school meals.

It turns out, that successful school meal programs are a big deal for success in Alaska classrooms.

The USDA school meal programs in Alaska very successfully comply with and exceed the criteria for appropriate nutrition for student health.

The accountability practices for per meal service are well established for finances and nutrition support.

Audits and trainings and documentation criteria are all well in place for school meal purchases, service, and reimbursement claims.

School Meal providers can be trusted with funding responsibility.

We take great pride in ~~what~~ we do for Alaska kids.

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YAKUTAT BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION Support for State Funding for School Meals

WHEREAS the mission of the Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) - a statewide group of 80 non-profit, faith-based, tribal and government organizations is working to help feed hungry Alaskans in their communities and strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs in the state; and

WHEREAS the Yakutat School District supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS according to data from the 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 15% of Alaskan children experienced food insecurity, compared with 11% of Alaskan adults, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experienced food insecurity; and

WHEREAS insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. In comparison to food secure children, children from food insecure families are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30% higher rates of hospitalization; and

WHEREAS the lack of adequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Food insecurity is associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor mathematics scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among 6 to 12 year old children; and

WHEREAS food insecurity puts children in development in jeopardy, characterized by challenges with speaking, behavior, and movement; increasing the likelihood of later problems with attention, learning, and social interaction. Young children living in low income and food insecure households are more likely to be developmentally at risk than children from food secure households; and

WHEREAS federal programs exist to assist in providing nutrition to children through the schools, most notably the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; and

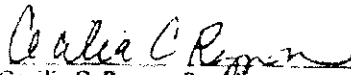
WHEREAS the School Breakfast Program decreases food insecurity in children by providing five healthy meals a week in Alaska schools. 40% of students qualify for free/reduced schools meals, over 45,000 students, of these, 15% do not attend schools that offer a breakfast program - that's over 7,000 missed meals each day; and

WHEREAS 104 out of 406 schools in 46 districts in Alaska did not offer the federal School Breakfast Program in the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS Alaskan schools primarily do not offer breakfast programs because it is not economically feasible. The federal reimbursement for breakfast does not cover the high costs of food and transportation in Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yakutat School District supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.

Adopted by the Yakutat Board of Education on the 11th day of January, 2010.


Cecilia C. Ryman, President
Yakutat School Board


Jonathan Jensen, Clerk
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Dr. Robert Thomason
Superintendent

December 21, 2009

Vanessa Salinas
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Dear Ms. Salinas:

The Petersburg City School Board at their regular December 15, 2009 meeting passed Resolution 10-03 (A resolution in support of State Funding for School Meals). Please let me know if there are additional places I should send a copy to.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sharon Anderson

Sharon Anderson
District Secretary

enclosure

Resolution 10-03
A resolution in support of State Funding for School Meals

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) - a statewide group of 80 non-profit, faith-based, tribal and government organizations is working to help feed hungry Alaskans in their communities and strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs in the state; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg City Schools Board of Education supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

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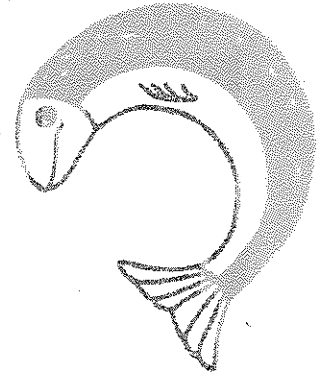
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 15th day of December 2009, that the Petersburg City Schools Board of Education supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.


Jean Ellis, Board President


Randy Lantegne, Board Vice President



Lower Kuskokwim School District Resolution



10-05

RESOLUTION

Support for State Funding for School Meals

WHEREAS the mission of the Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) - a statewide group of 77 non-profit, faith-based, tribal and government organizations is working to help feed hungry Alaskans in their communities and strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs in the state; and

WHEREAS the Lower Kuskokwim School District supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS according to data from the 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 15% of Alaskan children experienced food insecurity, compared with 11% of Alaskan adults, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experienced food insecurity; and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Kuskokwim School District supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.

PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009


Richard Curtis, Board President

12/11/09
Date


Gary Baldwin, Superintendent of Schools

12/11/09
Date



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Resolution #10-06

Alaska Food Coalition Support for State Funding for School Meals

WHEREAS, the mission of the Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) - a statewide group of 80 non-profit, faith-based, tribal and government organizations is working to help feed hungry Alaskans in their communities and strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs in the state; and

WHEREAS Cordova Schools supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS, according to data from the 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 15% of Alaskan children experienced food insecurity, compared with 11% of Alaskan adults, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experienced food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. In comparison to food secure children, children from food insecure families are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30% higher rates of hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Food insecurity is associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor mathematics scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among 6 to 12 year old children; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity puts children in development in jeopardy, characterized by challenges with speaking, behavior, and movement; increasing the likelihood of later problems with attention, learning, and social interaction. Young children living in low income and food insecure households are more likely to be developmentally at risk than children from food secure households; and

WHEREAS, federal programs exist to assist in providing nutrition to children through the schools, most notably the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program decreases food insecurity in children by providing five healthy meals a week in Alaska schools. 40% of students qualify for free/reduced schools meals over 45,000 students, of these, 15% do not attend schools that offer a breakfast program - that's over 7,000 missed meals each day, and



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WHEREAS, 104 out of 406 schools in 46 districts in Alaska did not offer the federal School Breakfast Program in the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan schools primarily do not offer breakfast programs because it is not economically feasible. The federal reimbursement for breakfast does not cover the high costs of food and transportation in Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cordova School District supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.



Valerie Covel, President
Cordova Board of Education



Pete Hoepfner, Clerk
Cordova Board of Education

Chugach School District

Resolution Number 10-02

Support for State Funding for School Meals

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WHEREAS Chugach School District supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS according to data from the 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 15% of Alaskan children experienced food insecurity, compared with 11% of Alaskan adults, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experienced food insecurity; and

WHEREAS insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. In comparison to food secure children, children from food insecure families are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30% higher rates of hospitalization; and

WHEREAS the lack of adequate nutrition affects the cognitive and behavioral development of children. Food insecurity is associated with grade repetition, absenteeism, tardiness, anxiety, aggression, poor mathematics scores, psychosocial dysfunction and difficulty with social interaction among 6 to 12 year old children; and

WHEREAS food insecurity puts children in development in jeopardy, characterized by challenges with speaking, behavior, and movement; increasing the likelihood of later problems with attention, learning, and social interaction. Young children living in low income and food insecure households are more likely to be developmentally at risk than children from food secure households; and

WHEREAS federal programs exist to assist in providing nutrition to children through the schools, most notably the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; and

WHEREAS the School Breakfast Program decreases food insecurity in children by providing five healthy meals a week in Alaska schools. 40% of students qualify for free/reduced schools meals, over 45,000 students, of these, 15% do not attend schools that offer a breakfast program - that's over 7,000 missed meals each day; and

WHEREAS 104 out of 406 schools in 46 districts in Alaska did not offer the federal School Breakfast Program in the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS Alaskan schools primarily do not offer breakfast programs because it is not economically feasible. The federal reimbursement for breakfast does not cover the high costs of food and transportation in Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chugach School District supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.

PASSES, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE CHUGACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2010

Board Member	Approve/Yea	Reject/Nea	Abstain
Charlene Arneson	X		
Terry Bender			
Thelma Vlasoff	^		
Roselene Vlasoff	X		
Katherine Kompkoff	X		

ATTESTED: Deborah Page

DATE: 1/12/10

TITLE: Board Secretary

Yupit School District

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RESOLUTION

Supporting for State Funding for School Meals

Passed at Regional School Board Meeting-Nov 19, 2009

WHEREAS The mission of the Alaska Food Coalition (AFC) – a statewide group off 77 non profit, faith-based, tribal and government organizations is working to help feed hungry Alaskans in their communities and strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs in the state; and

WHEREAS Yupit School District fully supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS according to data from the 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 15% of Alaskan children experience food insecurity, compared with 11% of Alaskan adults, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experience food insecurity; and

WHEREAS insufficient nutrition puts children at risk for illness and weakens their immune system. In comparison to food secure children, children from food insecure families are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30% higher rates of hospitalization; and

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WHEREAS federal programs exist to assist in providing nutrition to children through the schools, most notably the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program; and


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WHEREAS 104 out of 406 schools in Alaska did not offer the federal School Breakfast Program in the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS Alaskan schools primarily do not offer breakfast programs because it is not economically feasible. The federal reimbursement for breakfast does not cover the high cost of food and transportation in Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Yupit School District supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November 2009 at the YSD's Regional Board of Education meeting held in Tuluksak, Alaska, at which a duly constituted quorum of Regional Board members were present.


Willie Kasayulie, Chairman


Howard Diamond, Superintendent

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Resolution Number: 01-2010

Support for State Funding for School Meals

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WHEREAS Nenana City School District supports AFC's efforts to ensure children start each school day with a healthy and balanced meal; and

WHEREAS according to data from the 2006 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 15% of Alaskan children experienced food insecurity, compared with 11% of Alaskan adults, meaning they don't have access at all times to enough food for a healthy active life; this problem is more severe in rural Alaska, where nearly one child in four experienced food insecurity; and

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WHEREAS 104 out of 406 schools in 46 districts in Alaska did not offer the federal School Breakfast Program in the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS Alaskan schools primarily do not offer breakfast programs because it is not economically feasible. The federal reimbursement for breakfast does not cover the high costs of food and transportation in Alaska;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nenana City School District supports an adequate financial appropriation from the state to strengthen and expand the School Breakfast Program in Alaska, so that breakfast may be available to all children at all schools throughout the state, including low income children and children with food insecurity. No child in Alaska should go without breakfast.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2010.

ATTEST:


Teresa Mayrand, President


Susan Kauffman, Secretary to the Board