



### **Agenda Item Details**

Meeting Mar 05, 2018 - School Board Meeting

Category E. Action Items

Subject 3. ASD Memorandum #138 - Resolution in Support of HB333 - Cell Phone Legislation

Type Action

Recommended Action To approve and adopt the attached resolution in support of HB333, an act authorizing a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while driving in school zones or on school property.

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

ASD MEMORANDUM #138 (2017-2018)

March 5, 2018

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: DR. DEENA BISHOP, SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB333 – CELL PHONE LEGISLATION

ASD Core Value: All schools and departments will be safe and supportive.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends the Anchorage School Board approve and adopt the attached resolution in support of HB333, an act authorizing a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while driving in school zones or on school property.

**PERTINENT FACTS:**

House Bill 333 is enabling legislation that authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while driving a vehicle within a school zone or on school property.

The State of Alaska's current statutes require that traffic laws be uniform across the state (AS 28.01.010) unless a municipality demonstrates a special problem. HB 333 removes the burden of individual municipalities having to demonstrate or defend their position that using cell phones while driving in school zones or on school property is dangerous, and instead allows local control in making that determination.

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Prepared by: Katy Grant, Executive Assistant, School Board

Approved by: Catherine Esary, Director, Communications

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB333 – CELL PHONE LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS,** House Bill 333 is enabling legislation that authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while driving a vehicle within a school zone or on school property; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Alaska's current statutes require that traffic laws be uniform across the state (AS 28.01.010) unless a municipality demonstrates a special problem; and

**WHEREAS,** HB 333 removes the burden of individual municipalities having to demonstrate or defend their position that using cell phones while driving in school zones or on school property is dangerous, and instead allows local control in making that determination.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved, that the Anchorage School Board supports HB333, helping municipalities keep students, staff, and families safe in school zones and on school property.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

### **ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD**

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Tam Agosti-Gisler, President

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| Davis    | Starr Marsett     | Bettye |
| Donley   | Kathleen Plunkett | Dave   |
| Holleman | Elisa Snelling    | Andy   |

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Dr. Deena Bishop, Superintendent

### **Motion & Voting**

To approve and adopt the attached resolution in support of HB333, an act authorizing a municipality to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of cellular telephones while driving in school zones or on school property.

Motion by Starr Marsett, second by Bettye Davis.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yea: Tam Agosti-Gisler, Bettye Davis, Andy Holleman, Starr Marsett, Kathleen Plunkett, Elisa Snelling, Dave Donley