



SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS

**AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPACT
IN ALASKA**

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CHOICE IN ALASKA

1. **FAMILIES WHO HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS**
2. **CHARTER SCHOOLS
/ALLOTMENT PROGRAMS**
3. **NEW SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING
ORGANIZATIONS WILL OPEN UP
CHOICE TO MORE STUDENTS**



**WHERE THERE IS
A LACK OF
CHOICE,
THERE IS A LACK
OF UPWARD
MOBILITY**



**ONE
CHOICE IS
NO
CHOICE**



WHAT IS A SCHOOL CHOICE DESERT?

PLACES WHERE FAMILIES
CANNOT ALWAYS ACCESS
THEIR PREFERRED
EDUCATIONAL METHOD OR
PROGRAM

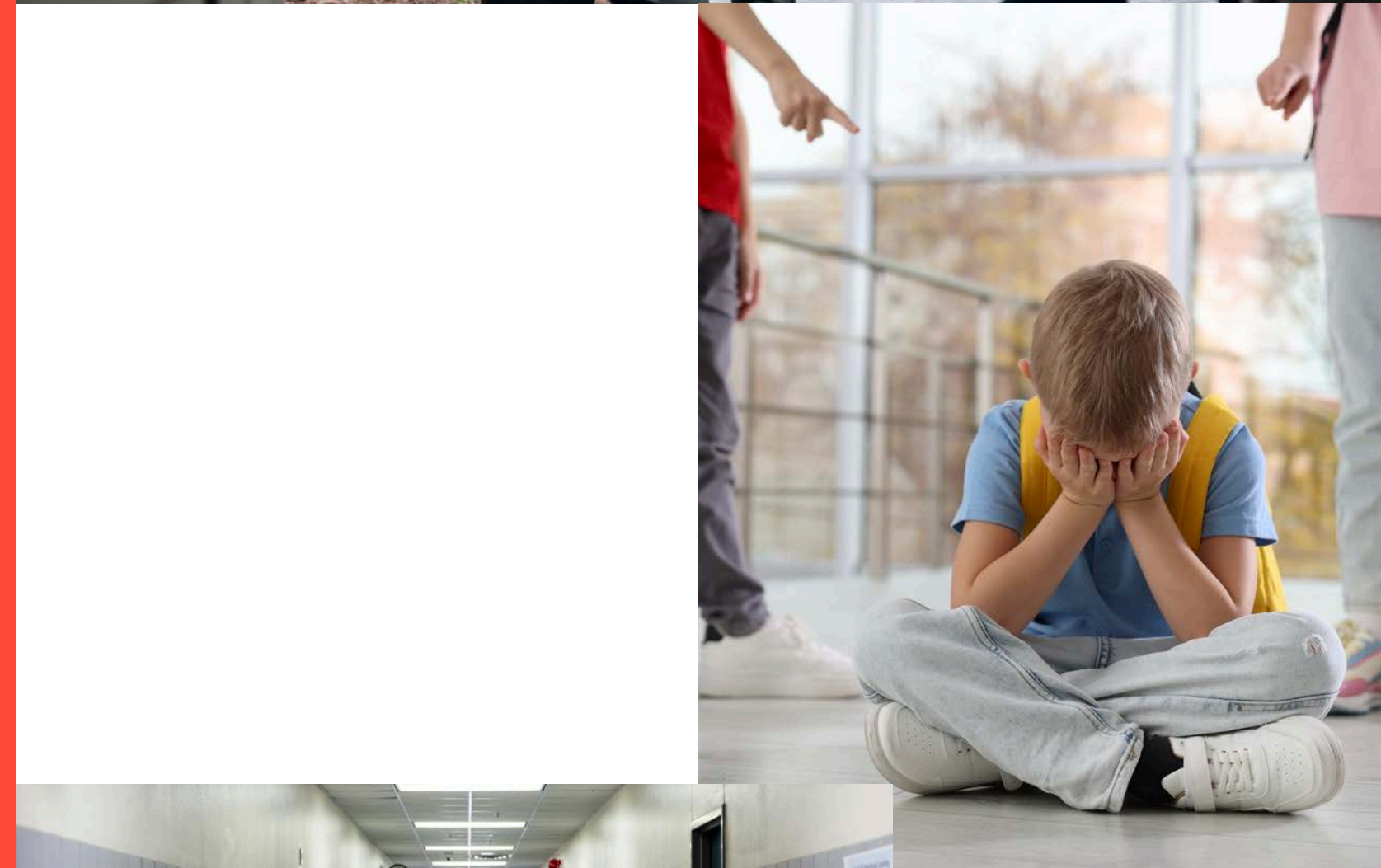


SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

SAFETY

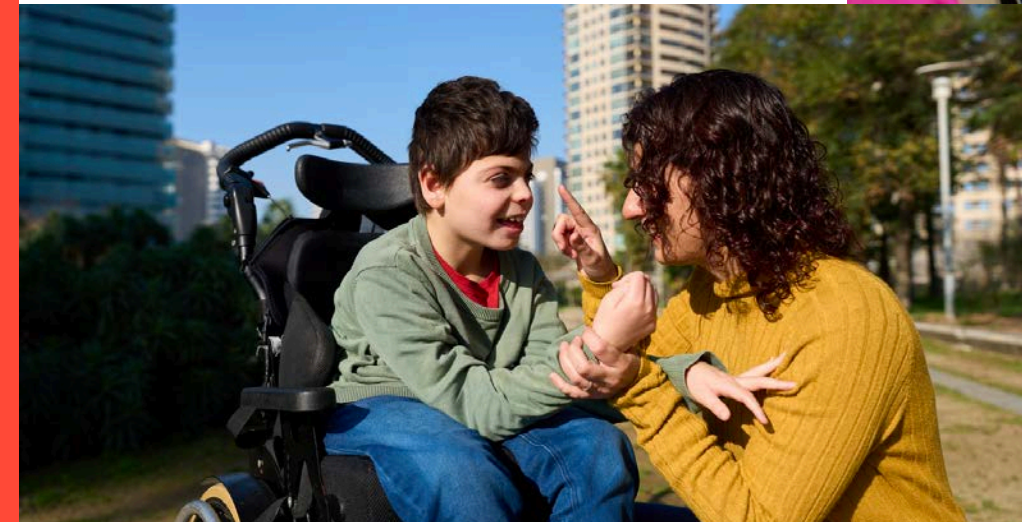
**THE NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOOL MAY BE
UNSAFE OR
INADEQUATE TO MEET
A STUDENT'S NEED**



EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

SPECIAL NEED

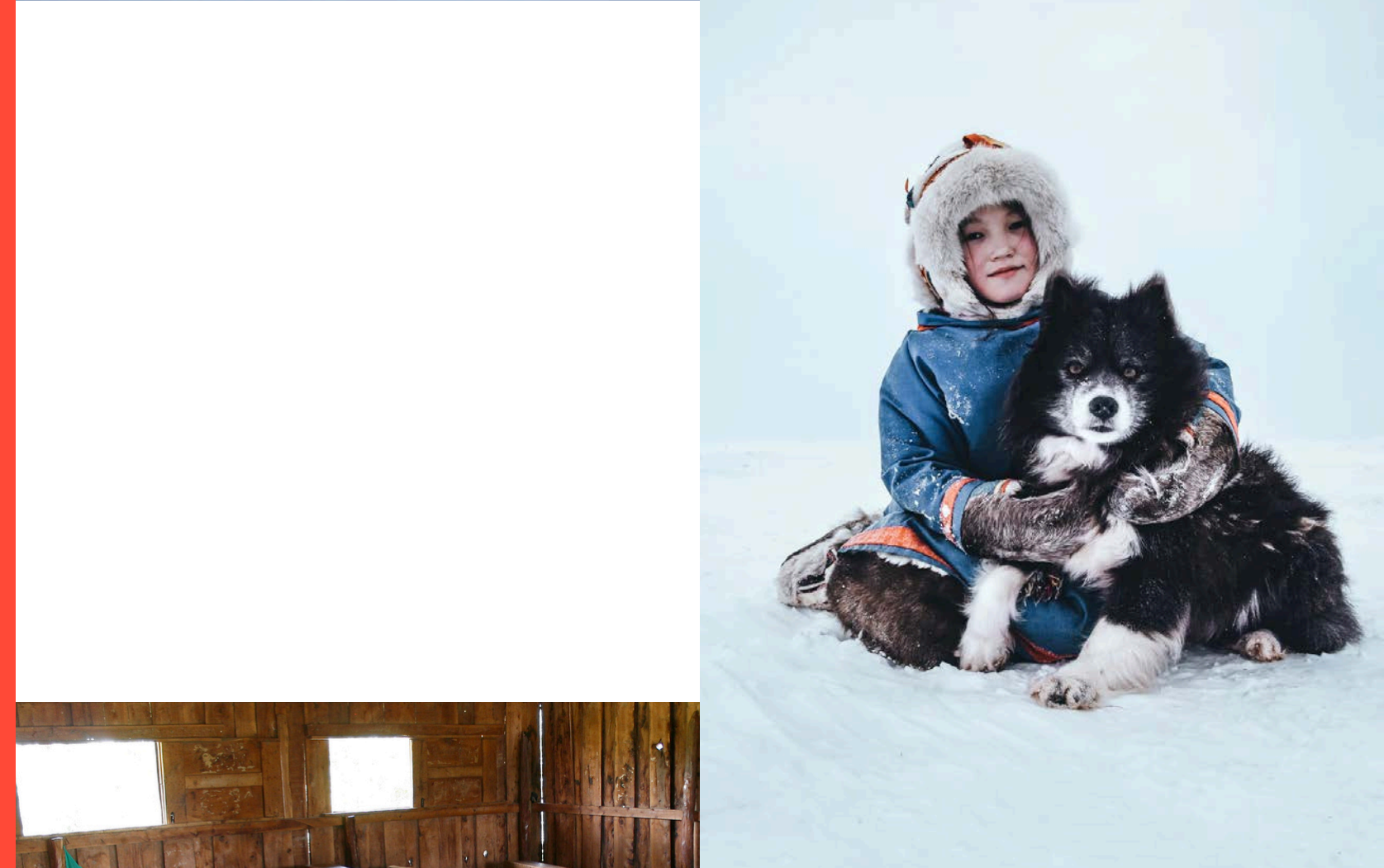
**NEEDS OF STUDENTS
REQUIRE MORE
FUNDING THAN IS
AVAILABLE THROUGH
PROGRAMS, SO THAT
CHOICE IS CLOSED TO
THESE STUDENTS**



EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

LOCATION

**RURAL AREAS MAY
LIMIT CHOICE
BECAUSE OF
PHYSICAL LOCATION
OR LACK OF RELIABLE
INTERNET**



EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE DESERTS

INCOME GAP

**CHOICES OFFERED
ARE UNATTAINABLE
FOR VERY LOW
INCOME FAMILIES**



SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS

**CREATING EXPANDED CHOICE
THROUGH PRIVATE DONOR
DOLLARS**



PROJECT OVERVIEW

REQUIREMENTS FOR SGO'S

**MUST BE APPROVED BY THE
PARTICIPATING STATE**

**MUST OFFER FUNDING FOR MORE
THAN ONE SCHOOL OR PROGRAM**

**AT LEAST 90% OF TAX CREDIT FUNDS
MUST GO DIRECTLY TOWARD
SCHOLARSHIPS**



REQUIREMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS CAN

- **CREATE THEIR OWN GOALS**
- **CHOOSE THEIR TARGET DEMOGRAPHICS**
- **MEASURE THEIR IMPACT**
- **COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR DONORS**
- **RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS**



OPPORTUNITIES

SGO RESOURCES

YES EVERY KID FOUNDATION

- **IMPLEMENT ED SGO ACCELERATOR COHORT**
- **YESEVERYKIDFOUNDATION.ORG**

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- **GUIDE TO STARTING AN SGO**
- **SGOINQUIRIES@SCHOLARSHIPFUND.ORG**

ALASKA SCHOOL CHOICE IS

- **CREATING A STATEWIDE SEARCHABLE DATABASE FOR ALASKAN FAMILIES**
- **RAISING AWARENESS THROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- **PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALASKAN STUDENTS**



ACTION

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