

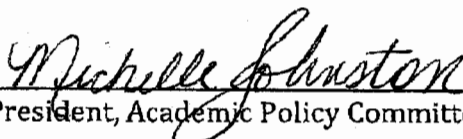


TONGASS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES RESOLUTION

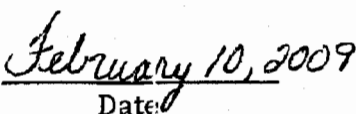
Urging the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 57, "An Act relating to charter school funding."

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE TONGASS SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Alaska and other laws and policies of the State require educational opportunities for all children; and
WHEREAS Charter schools are public schools that provide valuable education options to Alaska families; and
WHEREAS Charter schools increase learning opportunities and encourage parent and community involvement in our schools; and
WHEREAS the current state funding system limits communities' ability to create and sustain these innovative programs; and
WHEREAS current state law results in charter schools receiving 30% to 45% less state funding than neighborhood schools of their same size; and
WHEREAS Senate Bill 57 funds charter schools with fewer than 150 students at a per-child rate closer to that of average, urban elementary schools; and
WHEREAS Senate Bill 57 solves the funding problem in an equitable, fiscally responsible manner; and
WHEREAS Senate Bill 57 will support our schools and districts as they carry out the legislature's intent in creating the charter school law;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Tongass School of Arts and Sciences Academic Policy Committee supports the passage of Senate Bill 57; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tongass School of Arts and Sciences Academic Policy Committee urges the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 57, "An Act relating to charter school funding."
COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Sara Palin, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Gary Stevens, Senate President; the Honorable Mike Chenault, House Speaker; the Honorable Senators Hoffman and Stedman, Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs; the Honorable Senators Ellis, Elton, Huggins, Olson, and Thomas, Senate Finance Committee Members; the Honorable Kyle Johansen, Representative, House District 1; and members of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School Board.



President, Academic Policy Committee



Date: February 10, 2009