

AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL


To Whom It May Concern:

At the April 17, 2014 meeting of the Airport Heights Community Council, our membership voted unanimously to instruct its president to write a letter to lawmakers in support of H.B. 317 entitled, "An Act relating to official traffic-control devices at school and in school zones."

The Airport Heights Community Council area is home to several schools; one of which is the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School (ANCCS) on 550 Bragaw Street. Currently, Alaska does not require school zone designation for charter schools. The Bragaw location of ANCCS is located on a road that has a 35 MPH speed limit, is located near a hill that obstructs views of merging traffic, and is considered to be a hazardous road by the Anchorage School District. Despite these concerns being raised, municipal traffic engineers chose not incorporate traffic-control devices near ANCCS.

H.B. 317 would ensure that the well being of every child by requiring installation of traffic control devices near every school (this includes private schools, religious schools, and charter schools) in addition to neighborhood schools. Passage of this legislation will ensure that all schools are treated equally and will give parents and children peace of mind in knowing that steps have been taken to ensure pedestrian safety.

Cordially,

 4-7-14

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