

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
RESOLUTION 23-35**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA
SUPPORTING THE INCREASE OF THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION THROUGH THE
STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE**

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula School District has a projected FY24 budget deficit of **\$13,076,851** and the Board has identified the following funds:

- KPB fund to the maximum allowable (above FY23 contribution amounts): **\$2,188,830**
- Remaining ESSER III funds [Covid last tranche]: **\$6,439,215**
- Unassigned Fund Balance – FY22 \$2,354,271 [portion]: **\$821,581**

to lower the deficit to **\$3,627,225**.

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has proposed cuts to the budget of **\$3,627,225** which include increases in Pupil to Teacher Ratio; closure of pools, closure of theaters, and elimination of staff, including the Susan B. English pool and staff; elimination of Student Success Liaisons; reduction to school supplies; reduction to extracurricular travel and safety equipment, hockey ice funds; cuts to Athletic Directors.

WHEREAS, the FY25 Budget will no longer have the ESSER III funds, and the School District will have an additional deficit of **\$6,439,215**.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska legislature is proposing to increase the Base Student Allocation Rate which was last raised in 2017 and has not kept up with inflation as follows:

- Senate Bill 52: \$5,960 to \$6,960 (increase of \$1,000)
- House Bill 65: \$5960 to \$7,210 (increase of \$1250)

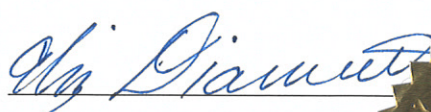
WHEREAS, either of the bills will eliminate the deficit and position the School District with sound and stable funding including FY25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska supports the increase of the Base Student Allocation Rate through the State of Alaska Legislature so that education is funded to support sound and stable funding

- for the success of our students as educated and well-rounded Alaskans,
- for the recruitment and retention of teachers and staff,
- for community activities that support families and attract and retain workforce to Seldovia, the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia on this 13th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:



Liz Diamant, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Jeremiah D. Campbell (Mar 15, 2023 4:50:01 AKDT)

Jeremiah Campbell, Mayor

