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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of
6 regional high school facilities at
7 Bethel.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS education in this day and age is essential to the strength and
10 well-being of any state or nation; and

11 WHEREAS Alaska as a new state must have well educated and trained
12 citizens to continue its growth and development; and

13 WHEREAS the tremendous size of the state and the number of small
14 villages and communities which it contains, makes it impossible to establish
15 high schools in every locality; and

16 WHEREAS the establishment of a system of regional high schools is the
17 most effective method of overcoming the present inability of the state to
18 afford many of its citizens an adequate education; and

19 WHEREAS a recent study of regional high schools in Alaska revealed that
20 education and dormitory facilities are desperately needed for 450 students
21 in the Bethel school for which the state cannot presently provide; and

22 WHEREAS by the 1971-72 school year, 559 students in the immediate
23 Bethel area from Akiachak, Akiak, Chefornek, Goodnews, Kalskag, Kipnuk,
24 Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk,
25 Oaearyville, Quinhogak, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Mekoryuk, Nightmute, Tooksook
26 Bay, and Nevtok will be in need of high school facilities; and

27 WHEREAS by the 1971-72 school year, 1008 students from the outlying
28 areas of Akiachak, Akiak, Alakanuk, Chefornek, Chevak, Ek, Emmonak,
29 Goodnews Bay, Grayling, Hooper Bay, Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kotlik,

1 Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag, Mekoryuk, Mountain Village, Napakiak,
2 Napaskiak, Newtok, Nightmute, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Pilot Station,
3 Quinhagak, Seamon Bay, Shageluk, Sleetmute, Toksook Bay, Tuluksak,
4 Tuntutuliak and Tununak will be in need of high school facilities; and

5 WHEREAS Alaska desperately needs assistance now if it is to provide
6 for so many of its citizens the educational facilities they need;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Education is urged to request
8 the Bureau of Indian Affairs, at its current meeting at Albuquerque, to aid
9 the State of Alaska in providing desperately needed regional high school
10 dormitory facilities for 450 students at Bethel as soon as possible.

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