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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education is committed to provide quality education to all Alaskan children, including all minorities, and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has supported all efforts to guarantee local control, including the recent establishment of the REAA's that is ushering in a new era of education in rural Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the few states that has state regulations to promote bilingual and bicultural education, and

WHEREAS, in spite of the above, has been involved in administrative proceedings by the Regional Office of Civil Rights charging the 21 Districts with non-compliance with Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Act, for which they are threatening to withhold Federal funds, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Consent Decree relating to the settlement of the Molly Hootch case, additional regulations are being required that would place increased paperwork on local school systems,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education instructs the Commissioner and the Department of Education, to hold the line against those from the Federal Government who would take over Alaska's educational system through undue harassment, even if it means risking the loss of federal funds in certain cases, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department resist all efforts to increase paperwork in the local districts and thereby strengthen the trust the state places in local leadership and decision-making.