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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

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

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

WHEREAS the tremendous size of the state and the number of small villages and communities which it contains make it impossible to establish high schools in every locality; and

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

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

WHEREAS by the 1971-72 school year, 559 students in the immediate Bethel area from Akiachak, Akiak, Chefornek, Goodnews, Kalskag, Kipnuk, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Quinhagak, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Mekoryuk, Nightmute, Toksook Bay, and Newtok will be in need of high school facilities; and

WHEREAS by the 1971-72 school year, 1008 students from the outlying areas of Akiachak, Akiak, Alakanuk, Cheformak, Chevak, Eek, Emmonak, Goodnews Bay, Grayling, Hooper Bay, Kalskag, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lower Kalskag, Mekoryuk, Mountain Village, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Newtok, Nightmute, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Pilot Station, Quinhagak, Scammon Bay, Shageluk, Sleetmute, Toksook Bay, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak and Tununak will be in need of high school facilities; and

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

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