

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Resolution No. 2014 - 01

*A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SIGNIFICANT PER STUDENT FUNDING INCREASE
IN THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION (BSA) WITHIN THE FOUNDATION FORMULA AND SUPPORT FOR
A MULTI-YEAR FUNDING PLAN*

WHEREAS the Governor is supporting an increase to the BSA over three years of \$85 the first year, \$58 the second year, and \$58 the third year;

WHEREAS this represents only an increase of 1.5% the first year and 1% over the next two years;

WHEREAS the Juneau School District (JSD) has cut \$11.5 million in the past five years (ten percent of our operating budget), lost 100 jobs in Juneau, cut 32 percent of our Administration staff, 22 percent of our support staff and 6 percent of our teaching staff, neglected curriculum and technology supports for students;

WHEREAS the Juneau School Board realizes that students will be better served academically if the tremendous time and energy focused on doing and redoing budgets by staff, parents, community and Board members can be focused on instruction and create efficiencies;

WHEREAS the JSD invested in higher standards, professional development and evaluation for all staff and now needing to invest in curriculum and technology supports;

WHEREAS the JSD has instituted Measured Academic Progress approach district-wide that provides data for targeted and intentional student intervention strategies;

WHEREAS the JSD's biggest cost drivers include personnel increases, health care, technology, curriculum, energy and inflation;

WHEREAS Alaska is the most expensive state in the union for cost-of-living for housing and goods, health care benefits, particularly in specialist fields;

WHEREAS the JSD is seeking to be part of a larger public and private health care consortium that can negotiate a health care benefits with flexible options and similar coverage at a lower cost;

WHEREAS Capital costs place a demand on dwindling State resources and the JSD realizes these requests may need to be prioritized and potentially delayed;

WHEREAS special education funding could be more equitably managed statewide through a block grant outside of the BSA;

WHEREAS the JSD has a budget shortfall of \$4.7M in 2014-15

WHEREAS the JSD needs a \$443 increase to the BSA to avoid the cuts proposed in 2014-15 or an increase of \$600 to cover the deficits from the last three years;

WHEREAS the JSD needs a defined BSA amount in future years for planning purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Juneau School Board requests the Alaska State Legislature to fund a multi-year funding plan that addresses inflationary costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Juneau School Board requests a significant and substantial increase to the per student funding (Base Student Allocation) for fiscal year 2014-15 and inflationary increases for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 11th day of March 2014.

Sally Saddler, President

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