



Resolution 23-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO INCREASE THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, it is the State's constitutional obligation to establish and maintain a system of public schools; and

WHEREAS, the State currently provides only 64% [FY21] of education funding, while local government contributions and local impact aid makes up the remainder; and

WHEREAS, as part of the funding formula designed by the State, a minimum local contribution of 2.65 mils (or equivalent) is required; and

WHEREAS, Federal Impact Aid is intended to be distributed directly to school districts impacted by federal lands and activities, and to supplement local budgets; and

WHEREAS, education is one of the largest budget items for the Aleutians East Borough, who has education powers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has increased local contributions to keep pace with rising costs, which means the Borough must decrease spending on other essential programs; and

WHEREAS, the State's fiscal challenges increase the potential for additional costs to fall on boroughs, and home rule or first class cities in the unorganized borough; and

WHEREAS, the State has not made a meaningful Base Student Allocation increase since FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recommends that State enact statute to automatically adjust for inflation and return to forward funding for education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Aleutians East Borough requests the State of Alaska to increase the Base Student Allocation to offset inflationary impacts by enacting statute to automatically adjust for inflation going forward and return to forward funding for education.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH on this 12th day of January, 2023.

IN WITNESS THERETO:



Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:



Beverly Rosete, Borough Clerk