

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

**Title:** 2013 AASB Resolutions (REVISED)

**Date:** September 9, 2013

**Item Number:**

11b.

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Superintendent of Schools *Steve Atwater*

**Attachments:** Draft of AASB Resolutions

Action Needed     For Discussion     Information     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each year the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) promotes a series of core resolutions that provide AASB staff guidance in working with state and federal policy-makers. The Board's Legislative Committee reviewed the resolutions and will have additions and input at this worksession.

This worksession is your chance to review the resolutions and to, as necessary, make changes in preparation for approval of the revised list that will be before you for approval during the business meeting. Note that all new AASB resolutions are supported by the administration.

## ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

# KPBSD POSITION WORKSHEET AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS 2013

## GOVERNANCE

AASB Resolution	District Position (comment only appears for those resolutions that the administration does not support)
1.1 Pledge Of Allegiance	
1.2 Opposing Mandated School Consolidation	
1.3 Opposition To Mandated Borough Formation	
1.4 Maintaining Local Control In Charter School Formation	
1.5 School Vouchers	Change title to: Oppose School Vouchers.
1.6 Centralized Treasury: Distribution Of Allocated Funds For Schools And Interest Earned	
1.7 School Improvement And Student Achievement (NCLB)	
1.8 Accountability And Advocacy For Students Outside The Public School System	
1.9 Compulsory Attendance Age	
1.10 Accountability For Student Attendance	

## FUNDING

AASB Resolution	District Position
2.1 Sustained, Reliable And Adequate Educational Funding For Alaska's Students Through A Non-Volatile Funding Source	

2.2	<b>Urging The Legislature To Adjust The Base Student Allocation For K-12 Education</b>	
2.3	<b>Secure Rural Schools</b>	
2.4	<b>Encouraging The Legislature To Fund A Grant Program For School Improvement Strategies</b>	
2.5	<b>AASB Advocacy On Individuals With Disabilities In Education Act (IDEA)</b>	
2.6	<b>Funding <del>Standards-Based</del> Early Learning Programs In Alaska</b>	
2.7	<b>Funding For Intensive Needs Pre-School And Other Intensive Needs Students Enrolling Post-Count Date</b>	
2.8	<b>Following The Capital Improvement Project Priority Lists For Non Bonded Projects</b>	
2.9	<b>Local Contribution In The School Funding Formula</b>	
2.10	<b>Education Endowment</b>	
2.11	<b>Instructional Technology</b>	<p>Change title to Education Technology. Amend as below.</p> <p><b>2.11 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p>Because of the global economy of which our youth are a part, AASB urges the state and federal governments:</p> <p><b>a.</b> to strongly encourage state leadership by virtue of student rights to equitable educational opportunity to ensure all classrooms are provided affordable and equitable broadband access to the national and international information infrastructure.</p> <p><b>b.</b> to implement appropriations or matching grants for instructional technology that would address hardware and software purchases, communication, infrastructure, <b>curriculum expansion</b> and training needs of students and staff.</p> <p><b>c.</b> To fund continuation and expansion of Digital 1:1 efforts for districts and AASB's Consortium for Digital Learning.</p> <p><b>d.</b> to join us in urging Congress to fully fund either the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (E-rate program) or a robust educational technology substitute that protects the Universal Service Fund to help provide affordable telecommunications to rural areas.</p>

**Rationale.** Alaskan students are growing up in a digital age that is allowing access to all global markets. If our students are to thrive in this ever-increasing global economy, K-12 schools must have the tools and trained staff to provide the appropriate education. Currently, a number of schools have seen many of their technology purchases become obsolete, outdated, and inoperable. Teachers are unable to effectively integrate technology in the classrooms due to lack or inadequacy of equipment and/or training. Current school district budgets cannot provide adequate funds to meet existing or future instructional technology needs. Equality in educational opportunity has always been a goal of the Association of Alaska School Boards. Future economic viability will not depend as much on physical presence, but rather the ability to import, transmit or convey ideas and information electronically. Today's globally competitive economy requires that all schools have access to modern technologies—Internet access, computers, distance learning—that can open new doors of educational opportunity for our school children. Appropriations by the Alaska Legislature in 2006 and 2008 have enabled about half of the state's school districts to pilot intensive digital learning for some of their students as members of the AASB Consortium for Digital Learning. *Amended 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012 (Sunset Nov. 2013)*

2.12 **School Construction  
Debt Retirement For  
Bonded Indebtedness**

2.13 **Revenue Sharing**

2.14 **Pupil Transportation**

2.15 **Funding For School  
District-Operated  
Regional Boarding  
Home Programs**

2.16 **Funding For Transient  
Students In Schools**

2.17 **Insurance Costs**

2.18 **Statutory Grounds For  
Reduction In Force**

2.19 **Legislative Financial  
Relief For Ongoing TRS  
And PERS Employer  
Rate Increases**

2.20 **Modification Of The  
Minimum Instructional  
Expenditure  
Requirement**

2.21 **Energy Cost Relief**

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2.22 **Reliable And Efficient  
Service By The Alaska  
Marine Highway  
System**

2.23 **Supporting Bypass  
Mail In Alaska**

2.24 **Funding For Schools  
By Establishing The  
Base Student  
Allocation In Advance**

2.25 **Reconstitution And  
Active Management Of  
The Public School Land  
Trust And Permanent  
Fund**

2.26 **Support Excellence In  
Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Arts, And  
Math Instruction**

2.27 **Urging Revisions To  
The Step-Down Hold-  
Harmless Clause For  
Reductions In ADM**

2.28 **Supporting A  
Reduction In The ADM  
Threshold For K-6 And  
7-12 Schools**

2.29 **Urging The State To  
Mitigate The Impacts Of  
Excess Facility Space  
In Districts**

2.30 **Requesting The State  
To Audit All School  
Buildings And Create A  
Facility Major  
Maintenance And  
Replacement List**

2.31 **Urging The  
Establishment Of A  
Funding Pool To Help  
Fund Travel For  
Students To Attend  
State-Level  
Competitions**

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2.32 Requesting AASB To Explore Creation Of A Central Purchasing Agency

2.33 Urging The Continuation Of Funding For Career And Technical (Vocational) Education

2.34 Supporting State Funding For School Meals

2.35 Supporting Partial Foundation Funding For Schools With Seven To Nine Students For Up To Two Years

2.36 Focus On Grade-Level Proficiency For K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students

2.37 Supporting Legislation To Increase Funding For And To Eliminate Expiration Of The Special Education Service Agency (SESA)

2.38 Addressing The Need For Remediation

2.39 Comprehensive Statewide Energy Plan

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## **CHILD ADVOCACY**

<b>AASB Resolution</b>	<b>District Position</b>
3.1 Declaring Children Of Alaska Our Most Valuable Resource And Their Health, Safety, Welfare, And Education Is Of Paramount Importance	
3.2 Promoting Student Success Through Social And Emotional Learning And Positive Youth Development And Support	

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3.3	<b>Fetal Alcohol And Drug Exposed Students</b>
3.4	<b>Preventing Access To Pornography On The Internet</b>
3.5	<b>Violence In Electronic Media And Entertainment</b>
3.6	<b>Inhalant, Alcohol, Tobacco, Methamphetamines &amp; Other Drug Abuse</b>
3.7	<b>Interagency Cooperation Among Service Providers Serving Children</b>
3.8	<b>Suicide Prevention, Education And Treatment Efforts</b>
3.9	<b>Safe, Caring And Connected Schools</b>
3.10	<b>Support Of State Funding For Student Health Services In Alaska</b>
3.11	<b>HIV/AIDS And Other STD Education</b>
3.12	<b>Education Of Students In Responsible Behaviors Relating To Human Sexuality</b>
3.13	<b>In Support Of The Alaska Children's Trust</b>
3.14	<b>Increased Support Of Alaska Head Start Programs</b>
3.15	<b>Supporting The Safe And Drug-Free Schools And Communities Act</b>
3.16	<b>Revise Parental Permission</b>

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**Requirements For  
Questionnaires And  
Surveys Administered  
In Public Schools**

**3.17 Student Wellness**

**3.18 Promoting Early  
Childhood Brain  
Development**

**3.19 School Activity And  
Statewide Testing  
Schedules In Relation  
To Major Religious  
Holidays And Cultural  
Activities**

**3.20 Interventions And  
Sanctions That Reduce  
Loss Of Credit**

**3.21 Accountability For  
Funding For Student  
Learning & Student  
Needs**

**3.22 Supporting Legislation  
Restoring The Denali  
Kidcare Program  
Eligibility Standard To  
200 Percent Of Federal  
Poverty Guidelines**

**3.23 Student Participation In  
Interscholastic  
Activities**

**3.24 Support Of Full State  
Funding For Public  
Health Requirements**

**3.25 Tobacco Free Schools**

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## **PERSONNEL**

<b>AASB Resolution</b>	<b>District Position</b>
4.1	<b>Support For Staff Development</b>
4.2	<b>National Certification Of Teachers</b>
4.3	<b>The Alaska Statewide Mentor Project</b>
4.4	<b>Special Education And Related Services Training</b>
4.5	<b>Addressing The Teacher, Specialist And Administrator Shortage</b>
4.6	<b>Repeal The Social Security Government Pension Offset And Windfall Elimination Provision</b>
4.7	<b>Relating To Defined Benefit Retirement</b>
4.8	<b>Relating To Health Care Costs And Medical Insurance</b>
4.9	<b>Supporting Use Of Licensed Professionals To Facilitate Services By The Use Of Technology</b>
4.10	<b>Staff Performance Incentive Program</b>
4.11	<b>Urging The State Of Alaska To Reinstate The Retire-Rehire Program</b>
4.12	<b>Alternative Pathways To Certify Highly Qualified &amp; Effective Teachers</b>
4.13	<b>Teacher Endorsements Change Notification</b>

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NEW **Teacher Tenure**  
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NEW **Teacher Evaluations**  
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## **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

<b>AASB Resolution</b>	<b>District Position</b>
5.1	<b>Career-Exploration Programs</b>
5.2	<b>Curriculum Expansion Via Technology</b>
5.3	<b>Native Language Program Development</b>
5.4	<b>Community School Programs</b>
5.5	<b>Increasing Student Contact Time</b>
5.6	<b>Modification Of The Alaska Certificate Of Achievement</b>
5.7	<b>Encouraging Civic Education In School Districts</b>
5.8	<b>Requesting The Alaska Department Of Education And Early Development To Provide Standards-Based Assessments In Alaska Native Indigenous Languages</b>
5.9	<b>Supporting Regional Career And Technical Education Centers</b>
5.10	<b>Urging Flexibility In Testing Regimes To Support Indigenous Language Programs</b>
5.11	<b>Supporting Universal Access To Education For Alaska's 3 And 4 Year-Old Learners</b>
5.12	<b>Encouraging Districts To Adopt Standards For Parent/Family Involvement Programs</b>
5.13	<b>Urging Continuation Of The Alaska Native Education Act</b>
5.14	<b>Relating To</b>

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**Postsecondary  
Classes For Secondary  
Students**

5.15 **High School  
Graduation Qualifying  
Exam**

5.16 **Allowing Flexibility In  
Nationally-Normed  
Testing**

5.17 **Urging The Legislature  
To Recognize The True  
And Improving Rate Of  
Alaska High School  
Graduation**

5.18 **Encouraging Online  
~~High-Stakes~~ Testing**

5.19 **Support Of Public  
School Library  
Development Grant  
Program**

5.20 **Urging The Legislature  
To Change Alaska  
State Statute 14.07.030  
To Allow For  
Elementary Age  
Students Who Have  
Been Displaced Due  
To A School Closing  
To Be Eligible For The  
State Boarding Home  
Program**

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