

## Anchorage School Board Proposed Resolution

### Funding for the High School Qualifying Examination

The Anchorage School Board strongly supports increased financial support to local districts for the implementation of the High School Qualifying Examination [Chapter 58 SLA 97 (AS 14.03.075)].

**Rationale.** In 1997, the Alaska Legislature mandated secondary pupil competency testing that student must pass prior to receiving a high school diploma from any school district in Alaska. No funding appropriation was made to cover increased costs to school districts for the implementation of the secondary pupil competency test or the related costs in the preparation of all students to pass the examination. State funding should be allocated to cover the costs of remediation of students who fail the examination, curriculum development, assessment development and administration, increased legal fees, and the purchasing of material and supplies to implement the new standards.