

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #220 (2001-2002)

March 11, 2002

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A LONG RANGE FISCAL
PLAN FOR ALASKA

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached resolution in support of a long-range fiscal plan for Alaska.

PERTINENT FACTS:

K-12 education funding constitutes almost one-third of the state's operating budget. Beginning in 2005, Alaska is projected to face a \$1 billion deficit out of a \$2.4 billion state operating budget. Without a long-range fiscal plan now, future K-12 education funding is at risk.

The state of Alaska needs to provide cost-effective public services funded by a system of revenues that is reliable, fair and diverse. The plan should ensure sustainable long-term economic growth, the implementation of actions that will have the least harm to the economy; a commitment to protecting and enhancing the existing infrastructure and the development and maintenance of a system to provide quality education, safety and other public services.

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Attachments

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A LONG RANGE FISCAL PLAN FOR ALASKA

WHEREAS, The state of Alaska provides a wide range of services to a diverse population spread over a logistically complex area; and

WHEREAS, Providing these services currently costs more than the state is receiving in recurring revenue; and

WHEREAS, The state is spending more than it is receiving in all revenues; and

WHEREAS, A long-term plan for fiscal integrity is needed to provide a stable business climate and to ensure the citizens of necessary services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board supports development of a fiscal plan by the Alaska Legislature that provides a framework for placing Alaska's house in order with a long-term approach to funding the costs of public services.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 11th day of March 2002.

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