

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
ASDR 2002/2003-8**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTRUCTURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND/OR SCHOOL YEAR TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in January 2002, No Child Left Behind, requires that school districts comply with a myriad of new regulations; and

WHEREAS, these regulations include requirements for professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals in Title I schools, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's requirements embedded in the Quality Schools Initiative and the requirement that all students pass the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination in order to receive a diploma poses challenges for school districts around the state; and

WHEREAS, staff training and professional development are essential components of implementing No Child Left Behind, the Quality Schools Initiative, and the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination; and

WHEREAS, many teachers hesitate to miss time with their students and tend to decline substitutes as an option for receiving professional training time; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District needs additional time for professional development and collaboration among staff members that is not adequately provided in the current school calendar; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board supports the idea of restructuring the school day and/or school year to allow for flexibility to provide professional development and collaboration time for staff.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board this 3rd day of March 2003.

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