



Resolution #27

Morning Announcements Over the Intercom

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Be it resolved by Operational Group, the Polaris K-12 intercom will be utilized daily for morning announcements.

1. **Whereas**, the morning announcements will signify the beginning of the school day;
2. **Whereas**, most Polaris teachers take attendance and start their class at slightly different times, so morning announcements will promote a common start time for all classes;
3. **Whereas**, if students arrive to class after morning announcements end, they may be marked tardy, making attendance more simple for students and teachers;
4. **Whereas**, individual teachers will still have the choice to take attendance in whichever way works best for their class;
5. **Whereas**, starting every day with morning announcements provides a routine, which creates familiarity and helps students to reach their full learning potential;
6. **Whereas**, announcements will include things like reminders of events (in-service or half days, dances, game nights, PGAs, etc.), promotional ads (for school fundraisers, intensives, or school store items), and general announcements and updates;
7. **Whereas**, all advisories are frequently asked to individually communicate the same thing to all students. Morning announcements are an easy and quick way to communicate these things without relying on each advisor to do so;
8. **Whereas**, the process of making an announcement can be as simple as giving the announcer a script, asking to read your own script, etc;
9. **Whereas**, Polarians can plan an announcement and ask to deliver one in advance or ask to deliver one without planning;
10. **Whereas**, any student, teacher, advisory, family group, or other group has equal opportunity to present an idea for an announcement;
11. **Whereas**, any student, teacher, or staff member has equal opportunity to make the announcement themselves assuming they have permission from their Family Group teacher or first hour teacher;
12. **Whereas**, morning announcements may begin with the Pledge of Allegiance;

13. **Whereas**, nearly all other schools in the Anchorage School District have morning announcements;
14. **Whereas**, students making announcements to the whole school builds public speaking, confidence, and communication skills; and
15. **Whereas**, overall, morning announcements will be a great way to quickly communicate important community information, encourage student leadership, and bring Polaris students together.

Therefore, be it resolved by Operational Group, the Polaris K-12 intercom will be utilized daily for morning announcements.

Action Statement: If passed, the author of this resolution will continue the conversation with Polaris administration. All family groups and advisories would be made aware of the change beforehand.