



# **ASD STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

*Uniting Schools and Empowering Student Voice*

## **Resolution 2021-03: Reinstatement of the ASD School Resource Officers**

**Sponsor: Chugiak High School**

**Adopted: November 9, 2021**

**Be it resolved by the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board**; that the position of the Anchorage School District School Resource Officers (SRO), within the Anchorage School District (ASD), remain active in the schools.

**Whereas**, The Municipality of Anchorage has decided that the position of SRO will no longer be funded under the Municipal budget and cut starting January 1, 2022.

**Whereas**, The current Mayor has stated that the Anchorage School District should be responsible for funding all SRO positions throughout the district.

**Whereas**, The SRO position is vital to ensuring a safe learning environment.

**Whereas**, without having an SRO on ASD property schools are more accessible to potential harm and violence.

**Whereas**, Having an SRO on campus deters kids and adults from providing or using illegal substances on school property.

**Whereas**, Having an SRO on campus provides a safe environment for kids to go when they do not feel safe at home.

**Whereas**, Having an officer who knows the layout of the building makes it easier to respond to emergencies.

**Whereas**, Having an officer in the building lessens time for response during an emergency.

**Whereas**, having an SRO in the building improves students' relationship with law enforcement.

**Whereas**, Having an officer in the building reduces student arrest rates by 70%.

**Whereas,** According to SRO Officer Burton from Chugiak High School, “SRO funding should come from the city of Anchorage.”

**Whereas,** The implementation of ALICE drill training prepares students for emergency situations.

**Whereas,** The community connections SRO’s bring with their positions, make contact with community members more accessible.

**Whereas,** On average it could take anywhere from 3-25 minutes for an officer to get to a school during an emergency situation.

**Whereas,** Anchorage SROs take up to 15,000 calls directly related to a school per year.

**Whereas,** The implementation of Anchorage Cops for Community has made our school and community more involved with each other.

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board that:**

- 1. The position of the Anchorage School District School Resource Officers (SRO), within the Anchorage School District (ASD), remain active in the schools.**

**Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board, will be sent to the following: Mayor of Anchorage, Dave Bronson, Anchorage Police Chief Kenneth McCoy, Anchorage School District Superintendent Deena Bishop, Assembly Representatives: Jamie Allard and Crystal Kennedy.**

### **Works Cited**

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