



## ASD STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

*Uniting Schools and Empowering Student Voice*

### **Resolution 2024-01: Exemptions for Out-of-District Travel by Private Transportation During Extenuating Circumstances**

*Drafted by Polaris K-12 School*

*Adopted Unanimously 3/19/2024*

#### **Be it Resolved by the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board that:**

1. **Whereas**, Polaris is a small program within the Anchorage School District and does not have a transportation or bus budget. Polaris families commit to transporting students to and from school.
2. **Whereas**, the Polaris school community cultivates a culture in which families are willing and eager to support both students and district goals through volunteerism and the donation of their time, talent, and treasure.
3. **Whereas**, Polaris Intensives have been a unique and highly valued pillar of the program since its inception. Intensive students are usually traveling in small numbers, often making district transportation cost prohibitive. Restrictions on private transportation drastically alter, limit, and even eliminate intensive opportunities.
4. **Whereas**, in order for Polaris students to participate equitably in ASD opportunities and events with other larger and differently funded schools, consideration should be given to transportation options that are feasible and do not unfairly and disproportionately burden students, families, or the school.
5. **Whereas**, When Polaris could provide private transportation for our students, there were zero incidents regarding the safety and health of students.
6. **Whereas**, district transportation will still be the preferred method for out-of-district transportation.

7. **Whereas**, exemptions will only be considered for pre-approved travel and on a case-by-case basis.
8. **Whereas**, all drivers will be vetted, approved, and have all required permission and insurance information submitted in advance and on file.
9. **Whereas**, a comparative cost and availability analysis will be completed to demonstrate the extenuating circumstance and need for exemption consideration.
10. **Whereas**, there shall still be the same insurance thresholds for private transportation as it exists for ASD rental vehicles.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board,** supports provisions that exempt out-of-district travel by private transportation during extenuating circumstances for Polaris K-12 School.

**Action Statement:** Should this resolution pass, we will submit this resolution on behalf of Polaris K-12 and the Student Advisory Board to the Anchorage School Board for immediate consideration.