



Polaris K-12 School
Resolution #14
Water Bottle Refilling Station Installation
Submitted by Sophia Andrews and Operational Group
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Be it resolved by the Polaris K-12 Operational Group, a water bottle refill station will be installed at Polaris K-12 School.

1. **Whereas** Polaris K-12 secondary students currently do not have access to a clean and sanitary water source;
2. **Whereas** all elementary students have access to water in their classrooms;
3. **Whereas** most Anchorage School District high schools have water refilling stations;
4. **Whereas** hydration is important for students' mental and physical health;
5. **Whereas** having the ability to fill a water bottle before class prevents distractions and interruptions from students frequently leaving the class to drink from water fountains;
6. **Whereas** providing easy access to water can encourage students to choose water over unhealthy drinks;
7. **Whereas** adding water refill stations would encourage the use of reusable water bottles instead of disposable plastic water bottles which negatively impact the environment;
8. **Whereas** demonstrating ethical responsibility to our world, by way of caring for our environment, is inline with our Polars mission statement;
9. **Whereas** adding a water bottle refill station would be especially helpful to those in physical education who need to drink more water during the class;
10. **Whereas** water fountains are the most contaminated surface in a school and can be hosts for influenza and norovirus;
11. **Whereas** the purchase of the water bottle refill station will be approximately \$1400, excluding the additional cost of the installation;
12. **Whereas** the space outside of the MPR has the plumbing and electrical capability to install a water refilling station;

13. **Whereas** funding would be a joint effort between Operational Group and Advisories. Matching funds would be asked for consideration by Polaris Parent Teacher Association and/or our school business partners;
14. **Whereas** each of the twelve Advisories is being asked to contribute \$100 to the purchase and installation of a water bottle refill station. The amount could be collected by way of family/personal donations, bake sales, or other creative ideas;
15. **Whereas** Operational Group would front the funds and Advisories would have until May 1, 2023 to make payment; and
16. **Whereas** Principal Carol Bartholomew has demonstrated her support for this resolution by researching vendors and working with ASD Maintenance;

Therefore, be it resolved by Operational Group, a water bottle refill station will be installed at Polaris K-12 School.

Action Statement: Upon the approval of this resolution, it will be presented to Principal Carol Bartholomew to demonstrate support and a commitment to funding for the acquisition and installation of a water bottle refill station. Operational Group would solicit matching donations. Advisories would submit their funding contributions by May 1, 2023.

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