



Resolution # 3-01

Commending the 2001 Legislature for its Commitment to Education

Whereas, the 2001 Alaska State Legislature demonstrated its commitment to education by appropriating increased resources to schools, funding new school construction and major maintenance, changing the effective date of the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam as a graduation requirement, introducing legislation to address Alaska's teacher shortage, and concentrating effort to address federal and state requirements for the education of disabled children;

Whereas, the Legislature has made a commitment to school reform in recent years by enacting assessment and accountability legislation;

Whereas, the Legislature has established clearly stated goals to increase student learning and hold schools accountable by demonstrating progress for all students based on academic achievement;

Whereas, increased funding through the foundation formula, including Quality Schools and Learning Opportunity Grants, will provide resources for schools to offer appropriate levels of educational services and the opportunity for all students to meet higher academic standards;

Whereas, additional funding in targeted areas such as direct student intervention, curriculum alignment, standards-based instructional materials, special needs students, teacher recruitment/retention, and facilities upkeep will enhance student learning,

Therefore, the State Board of Education & Early Development commends the Alaska State Legislature for its accomplishments implementing policies and funding programs that will increase student learning for all children; and

Whereas, there is additional work to be done by students, parents, educators, community members and state policy makers to improve student learning for all children; so

Therefore, the State Board of Education & Early Development commits to working with the Legislature to secure additional funds to strengthen Alaska's public school system so that all children can meet the state academic standards, succeed in schools and have productive and rewarding lives.

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Chair

November 28, 2001

Date