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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Fourth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 10-12, 2019
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 19-03

Title: Request the State of Alaska to Fund FY20 Education at Not Less than FY19 Levels

By: Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 31,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida prioritizes the need of an adequate pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the performance of Alaska Native/American Indian students are recorded in the summative statewide assessment of 3rd through 9th graders, known as Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS), which shows that in 2017-2018 with a pool of 15,537 Alaska Native/American Indian students, 82% of those students scored below to far below proficient compared to the average student in English Language Arts and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, FY2019 authorized funding for the Department of Education and Early Development was \$1,664,070,600, but in the FY2020 Governor's Amended budget funding is proposed to be reduced to \$1,343,725,400; and

WHEREAS, the funding reduction that is in the FY2020 Governor's Amended budget further jeopardizes the adequacy of our tribal students' pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education by reducing and cutting the amount of Base Student Allocation funding, Additional Foundation funding, and all grant funding of various pre-kindergarten programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 10-12, 2019, hereby petitions the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Alaska to fund Department of Education and Early Development for FY2020 at not less than FY2019 levels.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2019, by the Eighty-Fourth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe