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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA
Eighty-Ninth Annual Tribal Assembly
April 17-19, 2024
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 24-03

Title: Support for a Permanent Increase in the State of Alaska Base Student Allocation for Public Schools

By: Ketchikan Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 37,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous youth in Alaska experience high rates of dropout and historical low involvement in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida finds that education in a public setting for native youth is imperative for the future, for the youth, their families, and of our Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has a constitutional obligation to maintain an adequate system of public education and adequately fund schools; and

WHEREAS, the cost to educate the students in the state of Alaska has increased significantly due to inflation of costs of goods and services, housing, and health insurance, and as a result has created a shortage of staff at all levels within our school district that has negative impacts on the quality of education of students; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) notes that from 2012 to 2022, the Base Student Allocation (BSA) has only increased by \$250 per student, which is a 4.2% increase, while inflation has increased by at least 24%; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska legislature approved a one-time supplementary BSA increase of \$680 in 2023; however the Governor line-item vetoed the increase by 50%; and

WHEREAS, in order for the State to meet its constitutional obligation of maintaining its public schools, the BSA must be increased by an amount such as the \$680, at a minimum, recommended by AASB analysis, that provides adequate funding for each school district, that makes up for past erosion, and offsets historically high current inflation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Ninth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened April 17-19, 2024, hereby calls upon the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor of Alaska to make a meaningful increase within the base student allocation necessary for the state to meet its constitutional obligation of maintaining its public schools and so that Tlingit & Haida youth can continue to have quality education in every public school across the state of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor should continue to increase the base student allocation to ensure that it keeps pace with inflation.

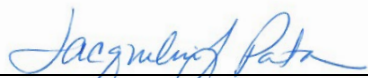
ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2024, by the Eighty-Ninth Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata