

Sponsored By: Assemblymember Mayfield  
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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-040**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY OPPOSING STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS TO EDUCATION; SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A SPENDING CAP; AND SUPPORTING A FULL PAYMENT OF THE 2019 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND.

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WHEREAS, the Alaska State Constitution, Article 7, Section 1, provides for public schools open to all children; and

WHEREAS, the policy of education is defined in Alaska Statute 14.03.015; and

WHEREAS, the School District's fiscal year 2019 budget and educational program offerings align with funds appropriated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Administrative Code, Title 4, Chapter 9, Section 110, requires that school districts must submit balanced budgets to the Alaska State Department of Education and Early Development by July 15; and

WHEREAS, failure to properly fund education in a timely manner would require a mid-year budget revision in the final months of the fiscal year, after the vast majority of budget funds are expended; and

WHEREAS, potential state-level cuts to education funding for fiscal year 2020 will cause significant disruption to student learning, communities, and families; and

WHEREAS, reductions to the Base Student Allocation will negatively impact student success; and

WHEREAS, potential State funding reductions to education will cause loss of teaching positions, increased class sizes, lost teaching opportunities and possible elimination of academic and extra-curricular programs; and

WHEREAS, State funding reductions for education will have negative impacts on student achievement, reverse academic gains, hinder innovation, and will adversely affect both current and future students in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, a constitutional amendment establishing a limit on state spending in future years will allow for a state budget which is stable, predictable, and sustainable that would allow for stable and predictable education funding while also allowing for future opportunities; and

WHEREAS, as the State of Alaska continues to shift prior commitments and unfunded mandates to the local governments and its citizens, the state should not shy away from its responsibility to deliver to the people their fair share of the state's common resource wealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby opposes reductions in educational funding and requests that the Alaska Legislature craft a budget that reflects Alaska's core value and our obligation to provide a quality education to our students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby supports the Governor's proposed constitutional amendment to establish a spending cap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby supports a full payment of the 2019 Permanent Fund Dividend.

Vetoed 04/29/19, No motion to Override.

**04/16/19 Vote:**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner, and Boeve