

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 04-24-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA URGING THE  
STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO INCREASE THE BASE STUDENT  
ALLOCATION THIS YEAR AND INFLATION PROOF THE BSA INTO THE FUTURE FOR THE  
BENEFIT OF CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS AND ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL  
STUDENTS IN ALASKA**

**WHEREAS**, the Cordova School District Board of Education is facing an impossible task in trying to produce a balanced budget due to the uncertainty of what funding of the BSA will look like after this legislative session; and

**WHEREAS**, the current draft Cordova School District budget would have a \$1.5 million deficit if there is no increase to the BSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the level that had been discussed and approved by the legislature, an increase of \$680 to the BSA, was vetoed by the Governor and the veto was not overridden by the same legislature, would have still resulted in a \$900,000 deficit for the Cordova School District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cordova School District student population is growing, and next year's budget certainly will not allow for the necessary addition of elementary school teachers in Kindergarten and Sixth Grade that would be required to meet the needs of those large classroom sizes without the State funding being significantly increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board and Administration are currently considering such drastic measures as discontinuing or substantially reducing the Food Services and the School Activities Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unjust of this legislature and administration in Juneau to be holding the School Districts and City Governments who contribute to their funding hostage over their inability to work together and arrive at a committed BSA that will allow for approved budgets and the security of knowing the Schools will be able to provide for their students moving forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska strongly urges the legislature and the Governor to work together and increase the BSA by the amount of \$1,413 as needed for the benefit of all of Alaska's public-school students.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024**



David Allison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk