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Submitted by: Assemblymember Kendall
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. AR 98-133 (as amended)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPPORTING A NEW
EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA**

WHEREAS, the Municipality's highest legislative priority for 1998 is the school foundation formula; and

WHEREAS, in its 1998 Legislative Program, the Municipality encourages the State Legislature to address the existing school foundation formula which has not been significantly revised for many years, and urges the Legislature to work together with the Governor and School District in rewriting the formula so that it will reflect a more equitable distribution of funding based on enrollment and programs; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 36 relating to the education funding formula has been introduced before the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, SB 36 has passed the Senate and is currently in the House Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, this bill should be reviewed as a "starting point" for rewriting the education funding formula and can be modified as necessary to effect a compromise between the State Legislature and the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves

Section 1: That the Assembly supports a new education funding formula, and views Senate Bill 36 as a "starting point" for rewriting the formula.

Section 2: That the Assembly encourages the State Legislature and Governor to effect a compromise on this legislation which will result in a more equitable distribution of funding and support to all districts.

Section 3: That additional state funds are provided as a block entitlement to meet the special needs of students, such as special education, vocational education, and bilingual/bicultural education, and the funds are spend by local school districts to meet those categories of need. Additional funds should be provided, and spent on, meeting the needs of Alaska's developmentally disabled students.

Section 3 4: That, upon passage and approval, copies of this resolution be forwarded to the State Legislature and the Governor.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of April, 1998.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk
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