

IN SUPPORT OF ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL TO INCREASE THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION (BSA)

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference would like to see even better educational outcomes for our students, including proficiency in our Native languages, higher graduation rates and test scores; and

WHEREAS, TCC has many programs to help our beneficiaries receive high quality education services, but it remains the state's constitutional obligation to adequately fund public education; and

WHEREAS, Currently the state has not increased education funding in seven years creating a massive budget shortfall across Alaska. Costs to maintain schools have increased due to raising inflation and supply costs forcing districts to close schools, cut teaching positions and education programs in order to pay fuel, water and sewer, electricity, and maintenance costs to keep school doors open; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has unique attributes that impact costs; smaller school sizes off the road system and high health and energy costs; and

WHEREAS, Education of Alaska's children is critical to the State's future success and any investment in education is an investment in our children and the future workforce of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors urge our state lawmakers and the Governor to support an increase to the Base Student Allocation that matches inflation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2023 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer



Submitted by: Beaver Village Council