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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 75-24

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO DECENTRALIZATION OF THE STATE CORRESPONDENCE STUDY PROGRAM AND THE PLACING OF CORRESPONDENCE STUDY UNDER LOCAL CONTROL.

WHEREAS, an adequate and effective program for correspondence study is now being administered through the Department of Education, of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has established a Correspondence Study Division, whose only charge and concern is correspondence study at the elementary level, while local school districts already have several other areas of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, there is a library and supplementary material easily accessible currently prepared, stocked, and serving its students; and

WHEREAS, the current centralized correspondence program provides, among other things, continuity, central records, a professional staff, able to deal with the students as individuals; and

WHEREAS, at present there are nine teachers working part time to handle all of the state's elementary correspondence program, with a teacher for each grade level and that by placing the program in local control would require a duplicate cost in supplies, salaries, and books for between 20 to 40 different local districts; and

WHEREAS, there are only approximately 350 lawful elementary correspondence students within the State of Alaska, and these students

would not likely receive the attention or priority in the local districts and as a result the students are likely to become lost in the shuffle; and

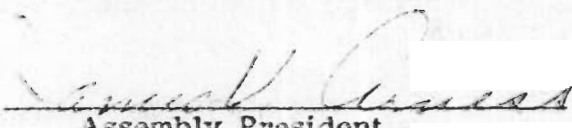
WHEREAS, decentralization would emasculate any proper state direction of a correspondence program in that no direct feedback would then be available to the state;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby opposes the decentralization of the correspondence school program now administered by the State of Alaska through the Department of Education, and further, that the present program as instituted and administered should receive the support and encouragement its staff deserves.

That copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Jay S. Hammond; Dr. Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner of Education; Senator Clem Tillion, Rep. Hugh Malone, Rep. Leo Rhode, and Rep. Keith Specking.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15th DAY OF April, 1975.


Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk

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