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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2001-018**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION
PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF STATEWIDE PROGRAMS BY
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, AS 14.03.080 states that a child of school age is entitled to attend public school without payment of tuition during the school term in the school district in which the child is a resident subject to the provisions of AS 14.14.110 and AS 14.14.120; and

WHEREAS, AS 14.07.020 provides that a duty of the Department of Education and Early Development is to provide accredited elementary and secondary correspondence study programs to any Alaskan through a centralized office of correspondence study; and

WHEREAS, 4 AAC 33.420 incorrectly grants districts the authority to provide statewide correspondence and requires the local districts to enter into cooperative agreements regarding students lost to such programs; and

WHEREAS, the district of residence continues to bear the burden of maintaining facilities and resources for children of the district in accordance with AS 14.03.080, and no similar obligations exist for the marauding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District have lost over 600 students to such programs at a cost of more than \$4,300,000 in lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District operates an approved district correspondence program capable of serving the needs of its students;

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

SECTION 1. That the Borough Assembly urges the Alaska State Legislature to enact legislation prohibiting the operation of statewide programs by local school districts.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Senator John Torgerson, Senator Jerry Ward, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Ken Lancaster, and Representative Drew Scalzi.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001.

Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

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