

Introduced by: Navarre
Date: 04/03/01
Action: Adopted
Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2001-035**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE FOR INCREASED INVESTMENTS
IN ALASKA'S STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, to help fulfill the goals of the Quality Schools Initiative and to provide for school excellence in Alaska, Governor Knowles appointed an 11-member Education Funding Task Force to recommend a five-year funding plan; and

WHEREAS, the task force is composed of business, community and education leaders who have taken a non-partisan approach to education funding and linked additional dollars to improved student performance and increased school district accountability; and

WHEREAS, the task force presented its report, dated February 1, 2001, to the Governor and to the State Board of Education & Early Development, and copies have been delivered to each legislator; and

WHEREAS, the task force recommendations include but are not limited to:

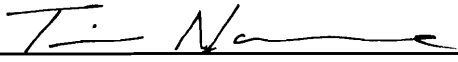
- A \$45 million investment in Alaska's schools next year and a total of \$100 million over five years;
- Direct intervention for students, such as tutoring and after school programs;
- Incentives for school excellence and targeted assistance for districts in need of help;
- Modest pay increases and other incentives to attract and retain top-notch teachers in Alaska;
- New resources for textbooks and other instructional supplies.

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the recommendation of the Governor's Education Funding Task Force and urges the Legislature to approve these important increased investments in Alaska's students and schools.

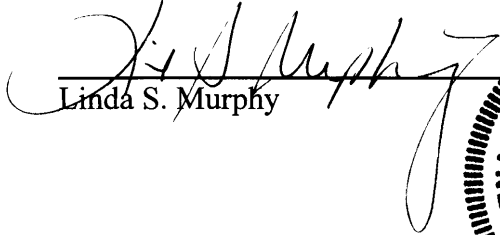
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2001.



Timothy Navarre, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy

