



# Fairbanks North Star Borough

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

From: Bryce Ward, Mayor *BW for BW*

Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: Resolution 2021 – 14  
School District Minimum Funding – FY21/22

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Attached for your consideration is a resolution that would determine the minimum amount of money to be made available to the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for FY 2021-2022. State law requires the Assembly to notify the School Board of the amount of money to be made available from local sources within 30 days after the Assembly receives the proposed budget from the School Board. The minimum amount proposed is \$47,045,400.

I urge your adoption of this resolution.

attachment: Resolution

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By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor  
Introduced: 04/22/2021

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 14

A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL SOURCES TO THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

WHEREAS, In accordance with AS 29.35.160 and AS 14.14.160, the Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) constitutes a borough school district and the Borough maintains and operates a system of public schools on an areawide basis; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Article X of the Alaska Constitution is to provide for a maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units to prevent duplication of tax-levying jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 2, of the Alaska Constitution vests all local government powers in boroughs and cities, which powers include the ability to levy taxes; the power to acquire, manage, control, use and dispose of real property; and the power to borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, School districts are not independent taxing jurisdictions and instead are component units of boroughs and cities, and therefore, are financially dependent on boroughs or cities; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (School District) has no independent taxing authority and is dependent on the Borough to raise revenue for its required local contribution to education; and

33                   WHEREAS, The School District cannot own any real property, and the  
34 Borough owns all School District facilities, is responsible for all major rehabilitation and  
35 repair of those facilities, and can (with voter approval) issue bonded debt related to those  
36 facilities; and

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38                   WHEREAS, The Borough manages all of the School District's money due to  
39 the School District's mandated participation in the Borough's Central Treasury; all school  
40 money management is performed by the Borough; and

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42                   WHEREAS, AS 14.14.060(c) requires the Borough to furnish the School  
43 Board with a statement of the amount of money to be made available from local sources  
44 for school purposes within 30 days after the Assembly receives the proposed school  
45 budget from the School Board; and

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47                   WHEREAS, The Borough receives the school budget from the School Board  
48 per Fairbanks North Star Borough Code of Ordinances by April 1; and

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50                   WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to Borough children educated in the  
51 public school system; and

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53                   WHEREAS, The Borough's direct contribution to education on a per student  
54 basis has been on an increasing trend line going back at least 15 years, from \$2,619.36  
55 per student in fiscal year 2006 to \$3,781.01 per student in fiscal year 2020. With the  
56 decreasing enrollment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the per student amount increased  
57 to \$4,355.72 for fiscal year 2021; and

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59                   WHEREAS, In the current fiscal year, the Assembly-approved local  
60 contribution is \$ 49,045,400.

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62 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Assembly of the Fairbanks  
63 North Star Borough, that the minimum amount of money to be made available to the  
64 Fairbanks North Star Borough School District from local sources for school purposes  
65 during FY 2021-22 is \$47,045,400.

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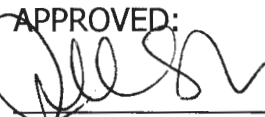
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ATTEST:

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Borough Clerk

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Mindy O'Neall  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:  
  
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