

Introduced by: Mayor Phillips  
Date: October 27, 1998  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

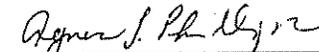
**CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION #98-30**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING ADEQUATE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING OF SCHOOLS**

- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska has the responsibility as provided in the constitution to "establish and maintain" public schools and provide for the education of all children in the state; and
- WHEREAS,** the governor has signed SB 36, and thus established a new foundation formula which has become the law of the land; and
- WHEREAS,** the bill was created as a political compromise between those representing the "urban" areas and the large rural school districts; and
- WHEREAS,** this measure will have a devastating effect on the short and long term financial viability of the districts not represented in this compromise, many of which cannot survive another ten years at 1988 funding levels, given additional requirements and the decreased value of "new" students; and
- WHEREAS,** many of these same districts are already adversely affected by the economic down turn in the area of fishing; and
- WHEREAS,** we supported the AASB position against earlier proposals, but saw little support when in the waning hours of the session as this "compromise" was forged; and
- WHEREAS,** the AASB clearly supported the compromise as passed in both oral testimony and written statements even though this was detrimental to some of its members; and
- WHEREAS,** the AASB is a state organization established to represent all member school districts in the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bethel calls upon the AASB to make as its number one priority for the upcoming legislative session (and/or until this issue is resolved) the restructuring of the flawed funding formula as established by SB 36 and that the AASB will clearly and unequivocally in word and deed support the aforementioned revision of the funding formula.

**ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA, THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 1998.**

  
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Agnes L. Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gaye J. Vaughan, City Clerk