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RESOLUTION 08-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM IN KOTZEBUE, ALASKA

WHEREAS, many small high school programs in rural Alaska are unable to provide academic and Career Technical Education (CTE) curricula that specifically prepare students for post-secondary academic or technical education related to careers found in rural Alaskan communities;

WHEREAS, employers who provide significant career opportunities in rural Alaska are unable to find enough qualified Alaskans to fill positions in teaching, healthcare, and mining careers;

WHEREAS, educational opportunities in existing Alaska residential high school programs do not include magnet programs targeted at rural healthcare, teaching, or mining careers and do not combine the resources of large rural high school, a post-secondary technical center, and a rural campus of the University of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District and the City of Kotzebue provide the unique qualities of a successful high school program and a large regional hub community with a strong economic and cultural base, sound community infrastructure, rich cultural history and tradition, and the capability and desire to support a residential magnet school program for students in grades 11-14;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arctic Borough School District formally supports the establishment of the magnet school for grades 11-14 and has expressed interest in partnering with the Alaska Departments of Labor and Education and Early Development, the University of Alaska, school districts, and employers who offer careers related to the proposed curricula;

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has an outstanding opportunity to support the development of the first magnet school in Alaska targeted specifically at long-term career opportunities in rural Alaska by supporting the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's application to build and operate a unique break-the-mold secondary/post-secondary magnet school program;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northwest Arctic Borough School District formally requests financial and technical support from the State of Alaska, Northwest Arctic Borough, and major employers to construct the necessary facilities, develop curricula, and fund the operation of a residential magnet school in Kotzebue, Alaska, that serves Alaskan students in grades 11-14.

ADOPTED, August 28, 2007 at a regular meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voting:

ATTEST,

Eugene Smith,
President, NWABSD Board of Education

Patricia Thomas,
Secretary, NWABSD Board of Education

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