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State Board supports Governor's Performance Scholarships

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education & Early Development, meeting January 13 in Anchorage, unanimously approved a resolution supporting Governor Parnell's proposed Governor's Performance Scholarship.

The proposed GPS program offers Alaska high school students the opportunity to earn significant scholarships to attend an in-state public or private postsecondary institution for academic or career and technical studies. The proposal requires students to complete a rigorous curriculum in high school, get good grades, and do well on an assessment.

"The Governor's Performance Scholarship program is an invite to rigor and excellence," said Alaska Education Commissioner Larry LeDoux.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the proposed Governor's Performance Scholarship (GPS) invites Alaska's high school students to challenge themselves with a rigorous course of study;

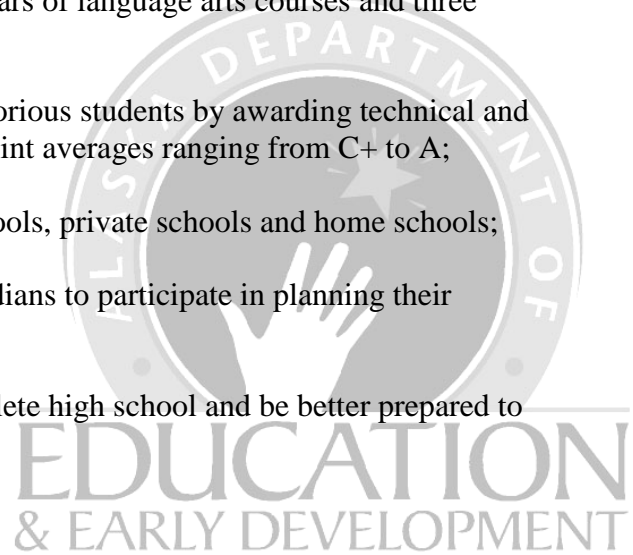
Whereas, the GPS encourages high schools to offer four years of science and math courses as well as the currently required four years of language arts courses and three years of social studies courses;

Whereas, the GPS recognizes a variety of meritorious students by awarding technical and academic scholarships to students with grade point averages ranging from C+ to A;

Whereas, the GPS serves students in public schools, private schools and home schools;

Whereas, the GPS encourages parents and guardians to participate in planning their students' high school career;

Whereas, the GPS encourages students to complete high school and be better prepared to attend a postsecondary institution;



Whereas, the GPS helps Alaska’s families afford postsecondary education;

Whereas, the GPS encourages students to receive their postsecondary education in Alaska;

Whereas, the GPS recognizes the value and variety of Alaska’s private and public postsecondary education institutions;

Whereas, the GPS will help Alaska to train its own highly skilled work force;

Therefore, be it resolved, the State Board of Education & Early Development strongly supports the proposed Governor’s Performance Scholarship to meet the academic and financial needs of Alaska’s youth.

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