Resolution of The State Board of Education & Early Development

Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Sitka AK, Capital Funds Needs

Resolution 02-2010

WHEREAS, Mt. Edgecumbe High School is a state-operated boarding school in Sitka that serves 400 students from around Alaska;

WHEREAS, the school has played an important role in preparing generations of rural and Native Alaska leaders;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the school’s students display academic proficiency, earn a diploma, and enter postsecondary institutions;

WHEREAS, the school’s students and staff deserve modern, safe facilities that convey the state’s respect for education and for the students’ and staff’s achievements;

WHEREAS, the school’s residential buildings date from the 1940s and show their age;

WHEREAS, the school’s academic building is 23 years old and has had little major maintenance;

WHEREAS, the roofs in Heritage Hall and the academic building are leaking;

WHEREAS, the floor coverings in the academic building are in poor condition;

WHEREAS, the boys dormitory has outdated bath and shower rooms and floor coverings, and moisture forms around the windows, which could support mold and mildew;

WHEREAS, the main girls dormitory needs re-siding and insulation;

WHEREAS, the heating and ventilation systems campuswide are in need of improvement;

WHEREAS, the safety alarm systems campuswide are in need of replacement;

WHEREAS, it is desirable, for safety and instructional purposes, to build a replacement classroom wing in order to locate all academic classrooms in one area;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development strongly supports the appropriation of capital funds to meet the long-standing needs of Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

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Esther Cox, Chair
Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development

Dated: October 26, 2009