

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-01
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION IN ALASKAN SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is a private industry driven public organization that is accountable through its members including representatives from business and industry, education, and organized labor to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the AWIB is the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state human resource investment programs including public education, pre-school through post-secondary (university), which includes career and technical education; and the AWIB recognizes that Alaska must have a highly educated and skilled workforce for a strong economy, future economic development, a prosperous future and healthy communities for all Alaskans; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development are working together to build career pathways for all Alaska's students with an emphasis to reach students early in their education to inform them about career opportunities and offer the education they need to achieve their career goals; and,

WHEREAS, offering career and technical education in schools

- increases student retention,
- results in more students graduating from high school,
- increases the advancement of students to postsecondary and higher education, and
- will prepare students for careers in the Alaska work place immediately following high school;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board recommends to the Governor and Legislature that priority be given for career and technical education in all Alaskan schools to ensure all students can develop a career plan and have the opportunity within their school to learn, graduate and fulfill their career plan.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 23rd day of February, 2010 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 23rd day of February 2010.



Jim Lynch, Chair
Alaska Workforce Investment Board