

The members of the Alaska School Counselor Association are very concerned about the tuition increase proposed by the Board of Regents for the University of Alaska System.

Higher education in the State of Alaska needs to be fiscally available to all people in the state. As advocates for students, we must be cognizant of the impact, if passed, that this will have on the education of our future leaders. We want our Alaskan students to attend school in Alaska, and not seek post-graduate studies in other states simply because of tuition hikes they cannot afford.

While we are sensitive to the current economic times, an increase of this magnitude will greatly affect those who need help the most to achieve higher education. Those who excel academically have many resources available, yet the majority of our students, who are above average, or average, depend on the currently affordable University system to help them achieve their goal of higher education. There are few options for students that are need based in this state. That is why we appreciate the scholarships that the University system contributes to our association to award to deserving students. The benefits of living in Alaska for our students are tremendous. Thus, it is imperative that if we want to increase the post education options for the majority of Alaskan students, this tuition increase needs to be reconsidered.

If there is any way in which our organization can help or for further information, please contact me at 907.227.4231.

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