

## CENTRAL COUNCIL Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA Eighty-Sixth Annual Tribal Assembly October 1, 2021 Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA 21-02

Title: Propose a Native Curriculum Themed Magnet School with Juneau School District

By: Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, Juneau has 15% or 635 Alaska native students and 22% or 902 identify as multi-ethnic which will include Alaska native students in the Juneau School District and has developed native programs and provided curriculum in partnership with Tlingit & Haida, Sealaska Heritage, and Goldbelt Heritage to both native and non-native students and should be complimented for their innovative public school inclusion of these programs; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. education system, magnet schools are public schools with specialized courses or curricula around specific themes, "magnet" refers to how the schools draw students from across the normal boundaries defined by authorities as school zones that feed into certain schools, and while attending them is voluntary, the number of these schools has more than doubled in the last two decades: and

WHEREAS, the Juneau native student population could benefit from the development of a magnet school themed to address academic core standards through a native lens and supplemented with native language and life skills; and

WHEREAS, academic achievement scores of magnet schools demonstrate the success of providing this education option;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eighty-Sixth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened October 1, 2021, hereby requests that Tlingit & Haida meet with the Juneau School District to discuss options for the creation of a Native themed magnet school in the Juneau School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida will invite Juneau Community members to participate in forums regarding this proposal and will report on outcome and progress of this resolution at the next Tribal Assembly.

ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2021, by the Eighty-Sixth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY** 

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

ribal Secretary Kalph Wolfe