

School Trust Lands and Funds

Adopted by Alaska PTA Convention, April 29, 2005

- Whereas; Early in our nations history the import and support of public education was established by the granting of school trust lands in every state and the establishment of corresponding permanent school funds; and
- Whereas; In 1915, 106,000 acres were transferred by the Alaska School Lands Bill to the Alaska Public School Lands Trust in the original school trust land grant; and
- Whereas; In 1978, The Alaska State Legislature converted the school trust land to “state lands” to be compensated by .5% of all of the income generated by all general state lands; and
- Whereas; The conversion was made without the beneficiaries or representative of the beneficiaries consent; and
- Whereas; The income derived from these lands must be used to support the public school children of Alaska as the beneficiaries of the trust; and
- Resolved; That Alaska PTA shall provide information to parents, educators, policy makers and the public about school and institutional trust lands and permanent school funds; and be it further
- Resolved; That Alaska PTA shall support management of the Alaska Public School Lands Trust that is consistent with legally recognized trust principles of sound financial management to provide maximum benefit to the children in public schools who are the beneficiaries of that trust; and be it further
- Resolved; That Alaska PTA supports compensation for unfulfilled legally binding commitments made by state and federal governments to the Alaska Public School Lands Trust; and be it further
- Resolved; That Alaska PTA urges state and federal lawmakers to support public schools by ensuring that the historic trusts are allowed to fulfill the purpose for which they were originally created.