

Homer High School

"Small-town Values, World-class School"



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Dear Members of the Kenai Peninsula School Board,

While we recognize the need for improved school security, the implementation of a closed campus policy will create an overly restrictive environment that is not feasible nor appropriate for Homer High.

In discussion of such a policy, students raised many questions and concerns in regards to the need and the consequences of this plan's implementation. Some of the major issues discussed included:

- Student Traffic/ Dances/ and other School Sponsored Student Activities
- Free Periods
- College Classes
- Student Volunteering
- Morning Classes
- Sports Practices
- Work
- PE Classes
- Natural Resources
- Intensive Needs
- Community Traffic and Events
- School Visitors / Guests
- Community Schools Activities
- Theatrical Productions
- Share the Spirit
- Other Schools Sports Teams / Tournaments
- Late Students
- Summer building use
- Church on the Rock
- Field Trips
- Secretarial Workload
- Numerous Points of Entry
- Fire Drills
- Traffic Jams in the Morning and at the End of the Day
- Secretarial Absences
- Power Outages
- Natural Disasters

In consideration of these reasons, we the representatives of Homer High, believe that a closed campus policy presents too many logistical issues without effectively addressing the safety concerns in our school. Alternative options that could be implemented at Homer High without dramatically altering our school's culture include: directing more of the security budget towards mental health and counseling, utilizing student ID cards, or hiring a school safety officer. We believe these options would all accomplish the district, school, and community safety goals.

Thank you for your time, and we are happy to elaborate on any of these points.

Sincerely,

Homer High School Student Council

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