

**Homer High School Student Government
Dances at Homer High School
December 1, 2021**

Be it Resolved by the Homer High School Student Council that:

1. **Whereas**, dances are a positive student activity, encouraging school spirit, engagement, and enhancing a sense of belonging;
2. **Whereas**, school dances provide student council members with organization and leadership experience;
3. **Whereas**, dances are the main means of fundraising for other Student Council sponsored activities and the annual Student Council scholarship;
4. **Whereas**, other school sponsored activities, such as sports, continue with limited mitigation;²
5. **Whereas**, six-foot social distancing is “encouraged” not required during the school day;²
6. **Whereas**, school attendance is mandatory while dance attendance is entirely optional;
7. **Whereas**, non-school sponsored dances with low supervision and little attention to negative student behavior continue off campus;
8. **Whereas**, school sponsored activities are highly monitored and safe compared to out-of-school functions;
9. **Whereas**, school dances help promote social and emotional health, well-being, and peer connection outside of the classroom;
10. **Whereas**, social connections and involvement in community are associated with lower teen anxiety, and depression rates;¹
11. **Whereas**, school dances will follow and enforce KPBSD Mitigation just like any other student activity;²

Therefore, be it resolved that the Homer High School Student Council and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District support the reinstatement of school sponsored dances through the 2021-2022 school year.

Action Statement: if passed by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education this resolution would be put into effect to allow school sanctioned dances to occur.

HHS Student Body President:

Date: 3/3/22



Sources:

1. "Connectedness - Community." *Head to Health*, 11 July 2019, <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/meaningful-life/connectedness/community>.
2. 2021-2022 KPBSD Mitigation Plan. kpbsd.org