

Resolution Proposal for AASB Membership Consideration: Addressing and Preventing Human and Sex Trafficking

AASB believes every student has the right to grow up away from the fear of Human and Sex Trafficking. Statistics show that the criminal enterprise of human and sex trafficking is real within the state of Alaska.

Addressing and preventing human and sex trafficking requires the collective efforts of trained individuals who are internally and externally working with the school system.

Prevention of human and sex trafficking starts with training and awareness of the warning signs and identification of behaviors of at-risk minors.

AASB is in support of bringing awareness, education, policy, and legislation forward regarding this topic.

AASB supports the development and adoption of policy providing for awareness and education, including establishing the identification of warning signs for at-risk minors, in order to prevent human and sex trafficking.

AASB supports the establishment and support of local agencies to develop and implement educational opportunities, service referrals and safe environments for victims of human and sex trafficking.

AASB encourages citizens, businesses, state, and district employees to take advantage of all local opportunities to become educated on this important topic.

Rational

Legal Definition:

The Act of recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

According to the Governor's Council on Human and Sex Trafficking (CHST) dated September 13, 2022, Key Priority #2 specifically addresses the need for Alaskan Educators to know the risk factors and warning signs associated with trafficking.

A 2017 study done at the Tanana Chiefs Conference states "1 in 4 females at Anchorage's covenant house had been trafficked for sex, and of those youth- 42% were Alaska Native."