

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No 11 a

MEETING OF November 11, 2020

Reviewed By

Item Title

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve instituting an indigenous land acknowledgement at school board meetings

Superintendent
 Native Education Committee

SUBMITTED BY _____

Contact Person/Telephone

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

Name Phone

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board seeks to add an acknowledgement at its meetings of the first people of Ketchikan.

BACKGROUND:

Board Member Diane Gubatayao brought this idea to the School Board. It was forwarded to the Board's Native Education committee meeting on October 28, where Tongass Tribe member Willard Jackson spoke to the importance of the acknowledgement.

The City of Ketchikan added such an acknowledgement to the City Council's regular meeting agenda in October. The Council's statement, read by the Mayor at the beginning of each meeting, is as follows: "The Ketchikan City Council would like to respectfully acknowledge the traditional first people of this land in Ketchikan, the Tongass Tlingit people."

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of instituting the same acknowledgement at the School Board meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve instituting the following acknowledgement as a customary occurrence at its regular meetings: *"The Board of Education would like to respectfully acknowledge the traditional first people of this land in Ketchikan, the Tongass Tlingit people."*