

Innovative Programs

- Assessment Literacy
- Collaboration and Personal Learning Communities (PLC) •
- ConnectED
- Digital Technology Initiative
- Distance Delivery Education
- Effective Instruction including Student Growth Maps (SGM)
- Effective Leadership and Calibration •
- FASD Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- Hiring and Recruiting
- Interventionists
- PBIS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- Project Aware
- Project Search workplace immersion program
- Security Cameras
- Students-In-Transition Program
- Video Conferencing

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Our diverse school district includes Neighborhood Schools, a Homeschool program, village schools, K-12 schools, Russian Old Believer schools, four Charter Schools, two Alternative Schools, and a Performance-Based School.

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2016 State Legislative Priorities Kenai Peninsula Borough School District **Board of Education**

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to develop productive, responsible citizens who are prepared to be successful in a dynamic world.





One of 130 school districts nationwide, and one of only three school districts in Alaska, KPBSD received the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International's prestigious Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for our 2014-2015 annual budget document.



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"The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District calls on the Alaska State Legislature to recognize that children are our first priority."

• Provide sustained, reliable and adequate educational funding for Alaska's students

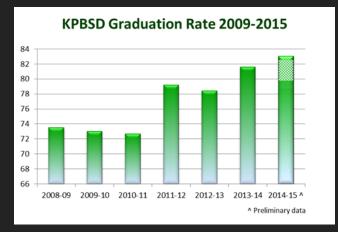
While the State of Alaska is currently experiencing fiscal challenges, a multi-revenue fiscal plan to eliminate the highs and lows of oil dependent funding must be developed. Adequately funding public education is a legal responsibility of the State of Alaska and is its primary financial concern. The education funding plan should be consistent, reliable and predictable. The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is accountable for the dollars entrusted to our District and supports measures that will allow our District to operate in a more efficient manner.

The District stands ready to work with the Legislature to find the right solutions for solving today's fiscal crisis.

Control health care costs to school districts

The cost of health care for KPBSD increases every year. KPBSD has worked hard to find efficiencies to lower these costs; it has not been able to slow the overall increases. More funds for health care reduces the amount of funding that can be devoted to the classroom. In FY09 total cost for health care services for KPBSD employees was \$15,376,426. In FY15 the amount was \$25,310,789 a 65% increase in 6 years.

KPBSD stands ready to work with the Legislature to explore all options to control the increase of health care costs to all districts.





KPBSD Strategic Plan Focus Areas

Academic Success

Deliver relevant, rigorous, standards-based curriculum in conjunction with alternative pathways and a flexible approach to ensure that every KPBSD student stays engaged, reaches high levels of achievement, and graduates.

Organizational Excellence

Evolve KPBSD as a highly reliable, world-class organization that fosters a culture of innovation, attracts and retains the best-of-the-best employees, and supports an infrastructure that promotes a fluid academic environment.

"We envision KPBSD students who engage in their learning, participate in their community, reach high levels of achievement, and graduate prepared for their future."

Community and Family Engagement

All KPBSD schools reach out to parents and communities to promote shared value and responsibility for the process of education.



Fund early learning programs in Alaska

All children should have opportunities to learn during the formative early childhood years. The District uses a portion of its federal Title I money to offer preschool to about one-third of its four year olds. The students who attend our preschools are more likely read on grade level at the end of third grade. Thus, KPBSD has experienced a reduction in the need for remediation and the associated cost of services for these students.

KPBSD recommends that the Legislature issue a block grant for early childhood education and encourages the DEED to apply for federal funds. Further, the District advocates that enrollment in early childhood education be accessible for all children.

Review and reconsider the state's bond reimbursement program moratorium

KPBSD's facilities are aging and many have significant maintenance needs. In the past the Kenai Peninsula Borough voters have approved bond funding for school maintenance projects. KPBSD encourages the Legislature to review existing needs state-wide and reconsider the current moratorium.

KPBSD appreciates past support and encourages the Legislature to reinstate this necessary program in order to maintain, upgrade, and replace existing facilities.



