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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

Project SEARCH open house is September 29, 2014

Soldotna, September 26, 2014—What takes place when a school district and hospital collaborate to create a business-led, one-year, school-to-work program for students with disabilities? Join KPBSD and Central Peninsula Hospital for the third annual Project SEARCH High School Transition Program open house and find out about a life-changing opportunity happening in our community.

Monday, September 29, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Denali Room, Central Peninsula Hospital, Soldotna, Alaska

Families, educators, partner organizations, and community members are invited

- Meet three student interns who will showcase learning from their respective internship rotations
- Talk with the teacher and job coach
- Meet the hospital job mentors
- Presentation of a national Project SEARCH award based on employment outcomes, by Patrick Reinhart, director of public policy, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
- Light refreshments will be served

Dr. Steve Atwater, KPBSD superintendent said, “One of our on-going challenges is to ensure that our students with disabilities make a smooth transition to life after high school. Project SEARCH is thus, a wonderful way to help us meet this challenge.”

[The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program](#) is a total workplace immersion, facilitating a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and relevant job-skills training through strategically designed internships. Through a series of three targeted internships the students acquire competitive, marketable, and transferable skills. Students also build communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills which is important to their overall development as a young worker. The goal: independent adults prepared for competitive employment opportunities.

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Links

[Project SEARCH](#)

[2014 Golden Apple Award: Central Peninsula Project SEARCH program](#)

[2013 KPBSD Project SEARCH story](#)

[2012 KPBSD Project SEARCH story](#)

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