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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## COMMUNITY BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

### HOW TO BEST PRIORITIZE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN KPBSD?

**Soldotna, October 3, 2016—Does a quality education and the future success for every young person living on the Kenai Peninsula matter to you? If so, KPBSD needs you to participate in the budget development meetings taking place at 31 KPBSD school sites on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.\* Here are two reasons why:**

1. Learn how KPBSD crafts a multi-million dollar budget in response to the fiscal reality impacting all aspects of state government and funding for public education.
2. Provide feedback about which areas of your school site budget that could be reduced if there is a 3 to 20 percent reduction in revenue in 2017-2018. Plus, what are your suggestions to legislators about funding shortfall solutions? What matters, what doesn't?

“As the State of Alaska works to develop a sustainable long-term fiscal plan, our district will continue to provide the highest quality educational experience it can within that state plan,” said Sean Dusek, superintendent. “We are asking all of our stakeholders to be engaged in the budget process to help prioritize programs and services to be offered in our district. Some decisions may be difficult, but there are many opportunities too. Ultimately, our budget process will help inform our state and borough leaders of the needs our schools have to provide an excellent education. I look forward to beginning this discussion and supporting all stakeholders to participate in the district and state planning process.”

**Parents, staff, students, business partners, community members, and elected officials are invited to attend Thursday, October 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m.,\* at these KPBSD school sites:**

**Aurora Borealis Charter School** - K-Alt main meeting room; **Chapman** - Mr. Sharp's room; **Cooper Landing** - Classroom 4; **Fireweed Academy** - Big Fireweed; **Homer High School** - Homer High Library; **Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science** - Library; **K-Beach Elementary** - Room 18; **Kenai Alternative** - K-Alt main meeting room; **Kenai Central High School** - KCHS Library; **Kenai Middle School** - KCHS Library; **McNeil Canyon** - McNeil Canyon School; **Moose Pass** - Seward Middle

#### KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS

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Auditeria; **Mountain View Elementary** - Library; **Nikiski North Star** - Room 13; **Nikolaevsk** - Room 11; **Ninilchik School** - Library; **Port Graham** - Room 2 - Secondary Classroom; **Redoubt Elementary** - SoHi Library; **River City Academy** - ELA Room; **Seward Elementary** - Seward Middle Auditeria; **Seward High School** - Seward Middle Auditeria; **Seward Middle School** - Seward Middle Auditeria; **Skyview Middle School** - Room B104; **Soldotna Elementary** - Library; **Soldotna High School** - SoHi Library; **Soldotna Montessori** –Room 414; **Soldotna Prep** - SoHi Library; **Sterling Elementary** - Room 162A; **Susan B. English** - Commons area; **Tebughna** - Room #12; **Tustumena** - Library; **West Homer Elementary** - Homer High Library.

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**October 13, 2016: Homer Flex** – 5:30 p.m., ELA Room; **Hope** – 3:45 p.m., Sandra Barron's room; **Nikiski Middle-High School** – 5:30 p.m., Library; **Paul Banks School** – 3:15 p.m., Paul Banks Lounge  
**October 17, 2016: Homer Middle School** – 3:30 p.m., Conference Room; **Nanwalek** – 4:30 p.m., Room 110, Secondary Room  
**October 19, 2016: Kachemak-Selo, Razdolna, Voznesenka** – 4:00 p.m., Voznesenka School

“Our annual budget is one of the most important things we do each year,” said Dave Jones, assistant superintendent of instructional support. “It is important for people to understand the need to pass a multi-revenue fiscal plan this session. We want to give our parents, staff, students, and community members a chance to learn about our budget, participate in the process, and offer input. The meeting on October 13 will be an important step in the process to develop the FY17 budget. We hope to see a large turnout at all our schools across the district.”

Participant input will be synthesized and presented to the KPBSD school board during November and December board meetings and work sessions.

Links

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