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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

INPUT NEEDED TO SOLVE THE STATE AND KPBSD FISCAL CRISIS

Soldotna, October 14, 2016—Your KPBSD schools need you to participate in the FY18 budget development process, and assist with solutions to the fiscal crisis in the state of Alaska. Community budget meetings took place throughout the district at 30+ school sites on Thursday, October 13, 2016. It's not too late to become involved.

Parents, staff, students, business partners, community members, and elected officials: KPBSD needs your help so that together we can continue to meet the needs of our diverse students, identify efficiencies, and examine contingencies for decreased funding of public education. Together, we can show how KPBSD is an excellent investment for everyone's future, and become part of the solution to bring forward a sustainable multi-revenue fiscal plan for our state.

To-do ideas

1. **Watch** the [nine minute video](#) shown at the [community budget meetings](#) to 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. **View** any of the other short videos that explain aspects of funding and budgets*
3. **Offer** your comments, ideas, and questions online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TKMYV3K>
 - What can KPBSD provide to help you—and others—understand the fiscal problem and assist with solutions?
 - Which areas of the district budget, or a school site budget, could be reduced if there is a 3 to 20 percent reduction in state funding revenue to education in 2017-2018?
 - What are your suggestions to legislators about funding shortfall solutions?
4. **Attend** a KPBSD [Key Communicator Hour](#), school site council meeting, [school board meeting](#), and have conversations with friends, neighbors, and elected officials.

*LINKS

KPSBD online video channel: [Budget*](#)

- **FY18 Community Budget Development presentation, 10-13-16**, [PDF](#) and [Video](#)
- **Budget Basics** [PDF](#) and [Video](#)
- **Fund Balance Categories** [PDF](#) and [Video](#)
- **General Fund Revenue** [PDF](#) and [Video](#)
- **Grants** [PDF](#) and [Video](#)
- **Staffing Formulas** [PDF](#) and [Video](#)
*link includes all videos & PDFs

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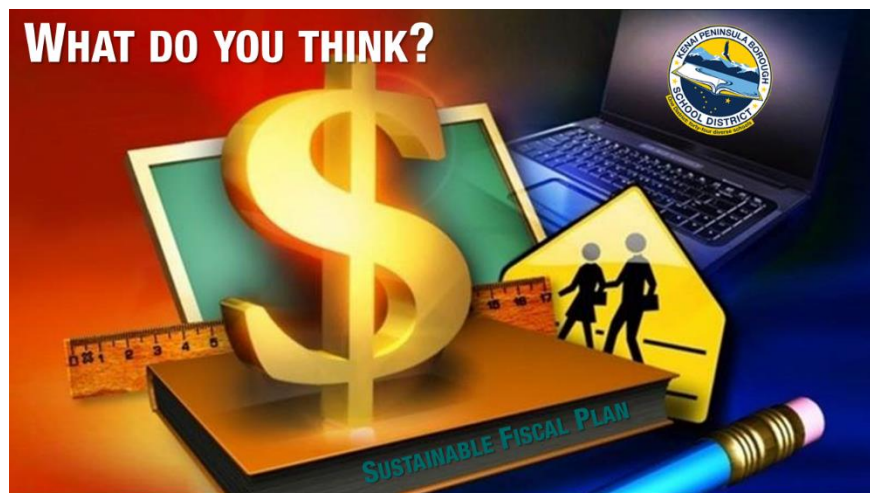
“As the State of Alaska works to develop a sustainable long-term fiscal plan, our district will continue to provide the highest quality educational experience it can within that state plan. We are asking all of our stakeholders to be engaged in the budget process to help prioritize programs and services 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.” –Sean Dusek, superintendent

Input will be synthesized and presented to the KPBSD school board during board meetings and work sessions.

Links

[KPBSD Finance Department](#)

[KPBSD Video channel](#)



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