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#### KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

# NEWS RELEASE

## **Project SEARCH intern showcase**

Soldotna, February 16, 2017—When a school district and hospital collaborate to create a business-led, one-year, school-to-work program for students with disabilities, possibility becomes reality. Everyone is invited to discover how Project SEARCH is a positive impact in our community.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Denali Room, Central Peninsula Hospital, Soldotna, Alaska

Families, local employers, educators, partner organizations, and the community are invited to:

- Meet student interns who will showcase learning from their internship rotations
- Talk with the teacher and job coach; meet the hospital job mentors
- Light refreshments will be served

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program is a total workplace immersion, facilitating classroom instruction, career exploration, and relevant job-skills training in strategically designed internships. Through targeted internship rotations, 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.

**Local employers of previous interns include:** Safeway Bakery; Fred Meyer; Wal-Mart; Central Peninsula Hospital; Heritage

Place; Blue Moose Bed and Biscuit; Charis Place Assisted Living; Walgreens; KPBSD.



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Kenai Peninsula Project SEARCH is made possible through the collaborative efforts of Project SEARCH Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Central Peninsula Hospital, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Frontier Community Services, and the Kenai Job Center.

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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.

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