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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## ***BUDGET CHALLENGES IN KPBSD: LEARN. GET FACTS. ACT.***

**Soldotna, January 29, 2018—Do you understand how the KPBSD school district budget will affect what KPBSD can offer in schools to educate our youth? If you wonder about what you can do, or what might change in the 2018-2019 school year, you're invited to join a KPBSD February Facebook Live Q & A, and a budget forum in your community.**

**Learn:** planning for 2018-2019 school year, KPBSD faces a \$3.3 million dollar budget deficit.

**Get Facts:** You're invited to participate online, or in person, to ask questions about revenue, expenses, funding, and cuts that potentially impact the classroom. Please become involved so as a community we can make informed decisions that will affect our schools. Parents, staff, students, business partners, community members, and elected officials—please participate:

### **Facebook Live Q & A**

- **Thursday, February 1, 7:00 – 7:30 PM, [www.facebook.com/kpbsd](http://www.facebook.com/kpbsd)**

### **Community Budget Forums**

- **Homer High School Library: Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 PM**
- **Kenai Central High School Library: Thursday, February 22, 5:30 PM**
- **Seward High School Library: Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 PM**
- **Soldotna High School Library: Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 PM**
- **Susan B. English and Tebughna School: Wednesday, February 21, 5:30 PM\***  
*\*Videoconference from Soldotna High School forum*

Be informed so you can advocate for the 2018-2019 school district budget which will define opportunities and offerings in August, 2018. The budget recommendation will be presented to the school board on March 5, 2018.

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

**The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.**  
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“Our annual budget is one of the most important things we do each year,” said Dave Jones, assistant superintendent of instructional support. “We want to give our parents, staff, students, and community members a chance to learn about our budget, participate in the process, and ask questions.”

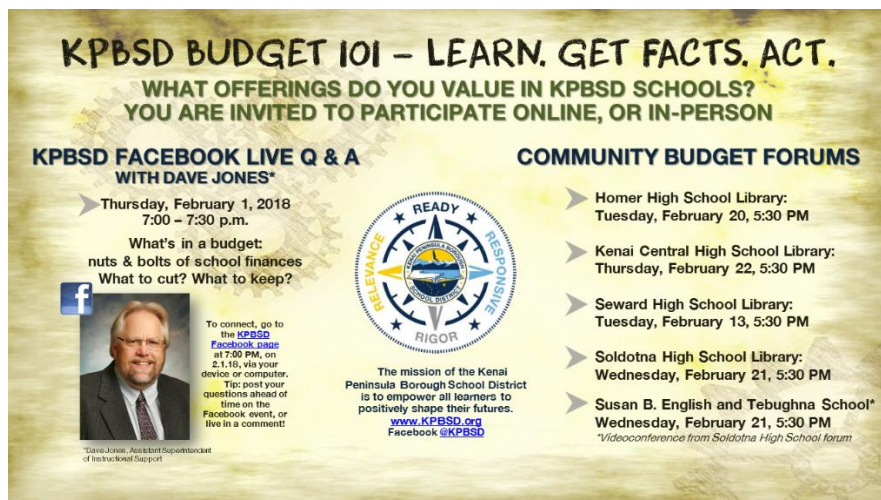
“Alaska is addressing its ongoing fiscal challenges, and it is important that everyone is involved in the conversation to ensure a long-term fiscal plan is implemented,” said Sean Dusek, superintendent. “As a part of this conversation, we will continue to prioritize services to provide the most effective and efficient education possible for all of our students. Your voice will help shape those priorities as well as clearly communicate that all students should remain the number one priority in Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.”

## Action ideas

1. **Attend** a Facebook Live Q & A; community budget forum; KPBSD school site council meeting, [school board meeting](#); [Borough Assembly meeting](#); Alaska legislative opportunities with elected officials
2. **Communicate** with your school, friends, neighbors, [legislators](#), and elected officials
3. **View** any of the other short videos that explain aspects of funding and budgets, and review handouts. Links:
  - [FY19 Preliminary Budget Information](#)
  - [PDF](#) and [Video](#): FY19 KPB Revenue
  - [PDF](#) and [Video](#): FY19 General Fund Revenue
  - [PDF](#) and [Video](#): FY19 Fund Balance
  - [PDF](#) and [Video](#): FY19 Foundation Formula
  - [FY19 Budget FAQs, 10-17-17](#) (pdf)

Webpage: [KPBSD Finance Department](#)

If the future success for our KPBSD K-12 students is dependent on a quality education so graduates will be prepared for college or a career, funding public education is crucial. KPBSD asks everyone to attend a public budget meeting, and become involved in the financial solutions for our school district and state.



**KPBSD BUDGET 101 – LEARN. GET FACTS. ACT.**  
WHAT OFFERINGS DO YOU VALUE IN KPBSD SCHOOLS?  
YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ONLINE, OR IN-PERSON

**KPBSD FACEBOOK LIVE Q & A WITH DAVE JONES\***  
Thursday, February 1, 2018  
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
What's in a budget:  
nuts & bolts of school finances  
What to cut? What to keep?

To connect, go to the [KPBSD Facebook page](#) at 7:00 PM, on 2/1/18. Via your device or computer. Tap/post your questions ahead of time on the Facebook event, or live in a comment!

\*Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support

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