KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Resolution 20-21-1

A resolution of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education to support the State's use of estimated student count data to fund K-12 Public Education for fiscal year 2021.

whereas, school districts shall prepare and submit to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) a student count estimate by November 5th for the succeeding fiscal year upon which computations can be made to estimate the amount of state aid for which the district may be eligible under AS 14.17.400; and

WHEREAS, student count estimates are used each year by the State of Alaska as the basis for state aid to school districts through the Foundation Program allocation; and

WHEREAS, the State's operating budget (HB 205) was signed into law on May 18, 2020 with funding for the Foundation Program based on student count estimates; and

WHEREAS, school districts are required to submit their budget for each fiscal year to DEED by July 15th of the fiscal year; and

whereas, a final determination for state aid under the public school funding program is based on a 20-day student count period ending the fourth Friday in October; and

whereas, in response to the global pandemic brought about by the coronavirus, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is developing flexible plans that respond to various levels of community spread and allow teaching and learning to continue throughout the 2020-2021 school year under several learning models; and

WHEREAS, these plans call for a variety of learning models and options for families to consider, including attending their neighborhood school in person, attending their neighborhood school through Remote Learning, and attending KPBSD Connections Homeschool; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District may experience a significant loss in revenue for any families choosing to enroll their children in correspondence study programs on a temporary basis; and

WHEREAS, this funding uncertainty complicates planning efforts and will likely limit the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's ability to provide essential services amid the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District supports the State's use of estimated student count data, submitted November 2019, in determining the amount of state aid under the public education funding program for Fiscal Year 2021.

Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education this 3rd day August of 2020.

Penny Vadla, President Board of Education

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Attest:

Lisa Gabriel Notary Public, State of Alaska

My Commission Expires 04/23/2024

