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DATE: April 5, 2010

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Tim Peterson, Director, Human Resources *Tim Peterson*

THROUGH: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent *Dave Jones*

SUBJECT: Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Support- Item- 10 a (10)

It is recommended that the following request for unpaid leave of absence be approved:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Marivel Petska | Special Ed. Aide | Homer High School, effective the 2010-11 school year |

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Dear Mr. Atwater,

I am currently a full time employee at Homer High School in the Intensive Needs program. I have been a KPBDS employee for 15 years. I am writing you to request next school year 2010-2011 to take as a year leave without pay.

Now that both of our daughters have graduated from Homer High and are gone to College we would like to take some time and go over seas to do some volunteer work. A friend of ours from Anchorage has offered my husband an opportunity to help with a water project in Malawi Africa. Our friend is in an organization called Engineers without Borders. They have done sever steps of the project the past few years and would like to have my husband help and oversee the last portion of the project which is building a safe water holding tank for the community of Malawi. My part in this is as follows; the village schoolteacher is always in need of volunteers for helping in the classrooms with academics and crafts. They also need assistance with their Sewing Vocational Education program. I would be very helpful in this field since I have worked in the class room setting for the past 15 years and am very familiar with helping out in a classroom. As for the Sewing program, I am very handy with a sewing machine and have made many wonderful garments for my girls and am very crafty.

We would be in Malawi Africa for approximately 3 months or how ever long the project took. We then hope that other volunteer opportunities will arise in Africa and that we would be available to assist where needed.

We have always thought how wonderful it would be to travel overseas and help out in a community like Malawi. This is an opportunity to help out and give to others in need. We often take for granted the very thing others don't have, safe drinking water. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Thanks,
Marivel Petska

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