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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Take Your Child To School Week

Soldotna, August 20, 2012—Governor Sean Parnell proclaims the week of August 20-27, 2012 as “Take Your Child To School Week” in Alaska.

Dr. Steve Atwater, superintendent said, “I am pleased to learn that the Governor has proclaimed our first week of school as Take Your Child to School Week. We know that a strong tie between the home and school will help a student find success at school. The importance of this connection cannot be overemphasized.”

Open houses are planned at the forty-three KPBSD schools, and now is the ideal time to become actively involved in the educational experience of young people who live on the Kenai Peninsula. Whether a student is in preschool, kindergarten or beginning their senior year, a birth child, foster or adoptive child, a niece, nephew, grandchild, or neighbor on your street, join Alaskans this week and take your child to school. Begin asking questions about a day in the life of a student each afternoon or evening. Attend the new school year open house, and consider volunteering at the school or in a classroom.

Governor Parnell recognizes the important role and responsibility of parents in a child’s education, and the dedicated efforts of teachers, administrators, and school staff in helping to prepare students for success. This is the full proclamation:

[From the Office of Governor Sean Parnell: Take Your Child to School Week](#)

Effective Date: Monday, August 20th, 2012

WHEREAS, the children of Alaska represent the future of Alaska and are our best treasure, asset, and resource; and

WHEREAS, the end of August marks the beginning of a new school year. In 2011, 128,926 Alaskan students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade attended 507 public, charter, and correspondence schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska’s educational policy is established by AS.14.03.015, which states that “the purpose of education is to help ensure that all students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of the world about them;” and

WHEREAS, numerous people are involved in this mission. Parents, teachers, school administrators, community board members, school counselors, and peer mentors invest in children’s lives in countless ways; and

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WHEREAS, parents bear the greatest responsibility for impacting a child's life by instilling good character and habits, and research consistently shows that a parent's active involvement in a child's life promotes higher academic performance, good social behavior, positive attitudes towards school and life in general, and greater overall educational success; and

WHEREAS, parental engagement also serves a community through example and accountability, inspiring other parents to take an active role in their children's educations, and preserving the trust between schools, communities, and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim August 20 – 27, 2012 as:

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in Alaska, and encourage Alaskan parents, guardians, and relatives of schoolchildren to foster the growth and success of the children in their lives by listening, sharing encouragement, and taking them to school.

Dated: August 14, 2012

Link: [Governor's proclamation](#)

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