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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# KPBSD INFORMATION

Soldotna, March 29, 2012: Ten principals—K-Beach Elementary School; Redoubt Elementary School; Skyview High School; River City Academy; Soldotna Elementary School; Soldotna Montessori Charter School; Soldotna High School; Soldotna Middle School; Sterling Elementary School; Tustumena Elementary School—KPBSD Communications Specialist, and the Director of Secondary Education met with Assistant Superintendent Sean Dusek to explore options for Soldotna area K-12 schools.

## **Background:**

In the fall of 2011, SMS and Sterling Elementary independently began discussions with their respective site councils to explore pros and cons of 6-7-8 (SMS) and K-8 (Sterling El) reconfigurations. Concurrently, KPBSD began a district wide five-year strategic plan.

As a result of SMS and Sterling El conversations, and the school district strategic planning, a meeting was held on March 29, 2012, at the KPBSD district office to gain a Soldotna wide perspective. A realistic, lively discussion encompassed these primary points:

- Ramifications for all other Soldotna area schools K-12 (see above list) based on SMS and Sterling Elementary conversations.
- History of Soldotna area schools.
- How to provide a continuum of services for Soldotna area students that will positively impact graduation rate and make sense for the Soldotna area community.
- Important transition times for students between grade level school changes.
- Insights from strategic planning on March 28, 2012, with all KPBSD administrators and Leadership Team in attendance. Areas identified include (among others) the current drop-out rate, declining enrollment, funding, and facilities that are both over-utilized and under-utilized.
- Academics, core-curriculum, athletics, electives, extra-curricular activities, Special Needs programs, and the social/emotional health of students.

Everyone in attendance unequivocally agreed that the needs and success of KPBSD students is the primary focus. Everyone present contributed to a productive and important conversation.

**No decisions involving individual schools were made.**

**Next action:** Each site will continue to review research of a 6-7-8 Middle School configuration, and discuss ramifications for their school.

Gather questions and feedback on a 6-7-8 middle school reconfiguration.

The administrators will meet again in late April.

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