

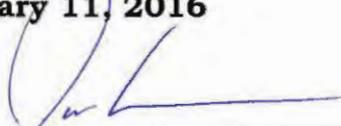
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution 15-16-4

No Change to Alaska Minimum Size School Funding

- WHEREAS,** the current funding formula in the State of Alaska provides funding for a school where a community has an Average Daily Membership (ADM) of 10 students; and
- WHEREAS,** there have been discussions that the Legislature may consider increasing the minimum student count for school funding in order to reduce State spending on education; and
- WHEREAS,** KPBSD supports maintaining the minimum student count for school funding at ten (10); and
- WHEREAS,** education is a fundamental right of all Alaska students; and
- WHEREAS,** a substantial number of the affected students would be elementary and middle school aged youth; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska has a constitutional obligation to provide an equitable and adequate education to all Alaska students regardless of where they live and this constitutional obligation must be honored with regard to the students who would be negatively affected by the school closures; and
- WHEREAS,** the health of the remote communities of Alaska often revolve around the life of the local public school; and
- WHEREAS,** denying state education funding by raising the minimum number of students in schools would create unhealthy communities and do harm to children;
- WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and Board of Education is committed to working with the Governor, Legislature, and all Alaskans to find the best solutions for funding small schools, and other educational related issues in the state of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education is resolved to petition the State Legislature to maintain funding for schools with an Average Daily Membership (ADM) of ten students in order to fulfill the obligation to educate Alaska's children.

Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education this January 11, 2016



Joe Arness, President
Board of Education
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District



Attest:
Debbie Tressler
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My Commission Expires 07/16/2016

