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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

KPBSD proposed bus transportation route changes in Southern Peninsula area

Soldotna, December 16, 2011—KPBSD faces a \$750,000.00 deficit caused by inflation in transportation costs.

In order to educate the public and seek positive solutions to a transportation deficit, two informational meetings were held on December 1 and 2, 2011, in the Southern Peninsula area. During the meetings, the proposed transportation route changes and school start times were presented, together with information about the current transportation deficit. Any changes will not take place until August 2012.

KPBSD is exploring options to address this transportation deficit, and is open to solutions. The transportation costs as bid by First Student have increased significantly beyond the amount we are reimbursed by the State of Alaska, resulting in a deficit of approximately \$750,000.

No final decisions about changes for 2012 have been made at this time. The meeting handouts and the PowerPoint presentation are available on the KPBSD website via a link on the home page in the <u>Community Interest</u> section, or directly at this link: <u>http://bit.ly/TransportationRoutes</u>

KPBSD encourages families and the public to review the documents, PowerPoint, and maps that are on the website, then offer ideas and solutions via an <u>online comment form</u>, no later than January 21, 2012.

Contact Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent, with your questions. Mr. Jones can be e-mailed at <u>DaveJones@kpbsd.k12.ak.us</u>, or called at 907-714-8838.

Links:

KPBSD Bus Transportation Routes Online comment form www.KPBSD.k12.ak.us