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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

INVESTING IN PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE KENAI PENINSULA

Soldotna, February 8, 2016—If the future success for our KPBSD K-12 students is dependent on a quality education so graduates will be prepared for college or a career, funding public education is crucial. In this time of fiscal uncertainty, KPBSD asks everyone to attend a public budget meeting, and become involved in the financial solutions for our school district and state.

"The district is facing a fiscal gap for our 2016-2017 budget," said Sean Dusek, superintendent. "We are prioritizing the programs and services we will be able to offer in our schools. The district will likely need to make additional difficult decisions depending upon the level of funding we receive from the state and borough. This is an important year to be involved and engaged in all levels of our budget development, and understand the local (borough) and state level funding for public education."

KPBSD Public Budget Meetings

- Tuesday, February 16, 2016, Seward High School library, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 17, 2016, Soldotna High School library, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016, Homer High School library, 5:30 p.m.

Become involved. Parents, staff, students, business partners, community members, and elected officials—mark your calendar and bring your questions and ideas to a KPBSD public meeting, where you will learn about the district budget perspective, expenditures, revenues, and receive responses to your questions.

"Our annual budget is one of the most important things we do each year," said Dave Jones, assistant superintendent of instructional support. "We want to give our parents, staff, students, and community members a chance to learn about our budget, participate in the process, and ask questions."

Links <u>KPBSD Finance Department</u> and budget documents <u>2016-2017 (FY17) Budget Development calendar</u>

 KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS

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