



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Honorable Governor Michael J. Dunleavy:

Forty-two diverse schools and 8,500 students in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) are counting on you to provide a budget to fund education for our district, and all learners in Alaska. As you prepare your State of Alaska FY21 budget, inclusion of full funding to meet increasing costs and the diverse and significant needs of Alaska students is crucial.

Our success in schools and our graduation rate continue to rise. Simultaneously, we have seen a rise in OCS and suicide risk referrals, and students who experience homelessness. The social-emotional health of our students is a priority in our district, and the investment to fully fund education for Alaska students is a promise for our future.

Early notification of funding is critical for sound financial management, stability, a focus on learning, and recruitment and retention of quality educators. The KPBSD is accountable for the dollars entrusted to it and supports measures that will allow our district to operate in a more efficient manner.

Sincerely,

Penny Vadla, President
Board of Education

cc: Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Gary Stevens
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Representative Gary Knopp
Representative Louise Stutes
Representative Sarah Vance