



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

With the recent onset of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) health issues and related circumstances across the world, we are living in unprecedented times. Upon consideration of that fact, I would like to share some thoughts and information with you from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's (KPBSD) perspective on how we can best provide educational services to our students.

With over 8,500 students and associated families, parents, and caregivers, along with over 1,300 employees, KPBSD has received a vastly diverse spectrum of suggestions and opinions on what we should do related to the Coronavirus. I have been told that we should shut every school down entirely and lock the doors. I have also been told that we should open every school and ignore the Governor's mandate. I have also received input for solutions along the entire spectrum between the two extremes. Each opinion or suggestion came with a genuine belief and assertion that it was the best thing for students, staff and our communities to do.

KPBSD has been using federal and state provided resources to help guide our actions to this point. The two main resources for COVID-19 information are the [state website](#) and the [CDC](#).

KPBSD is a governmental unit, and not a private business. As such, every dollar we receive comes with restrictions and requirements about how it can be spent. We are only authorized to operate within the parameters of the existing laws, regulations, policies, procedures and contracts. KPBSD needs to comply with the recent federal and state imposed mandates, while at the same time operating within the funding source restrictions mentioned above. We have arrived at our current plan of action for the next two weeks by dedicating in-service days to creating educational plans for future remote-delivered schooling through a coordinated joint effort involving both our certified and support staff. It is our intent and hope that this approach will benefit our students, our staff, and the economics of our communities in ways that are in alignment with the rules and laws surrounding the funds KPBSD receives.

This has been and will continue to be a rapidly changing situation. We are constantly monitoring for changes and will issue updates when we learn of the need for change in our current guidance, or the need for new guidance. Thank you for what you do for kids on the Kenai.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dave Jones
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