

Introduced by:	Dunne, Johnson
Date:	08/19/25
Action:	Adopted
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2025-036**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT TO UTILIZE EXISTING OPERATING FUNDS IN
ORDER TO PROVIDE AN INTERIM SOLUTION TO KEEP THE
SCHOOL POOLS IN SELDOVIA AND NINILCHIK OPEN FOR FY2026**

WHEREAS, KPB Assembly adopted the School Fund (Fund 241) budget on June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Fund 241 budget of \$62,359,080, included \$46,878,229 for School Operations; and

WHEREAS, the KPBSD Finance Committee identified expenditure reductions of \$197,435 by closing swimming pools at Susan B. English School in Seldovia and Ninilchik School; and

WHEREAS, the KPBSD Board of Education voted to close the pools in Seldovia and Ninilchik while keeping all other KBPSD pools open in FY26; and

WHEREAS, residents of both Seldovia and Ninilchik have been actively developing alternative ways to raise funds to keep swimming pools in those communities open and operating; and

WHEREAS, residents of Seldovia requested the mill rate for their Recreation Service Area be raised from 0.75 to 1.00 in FY26 in order to provide additional funds to support pool operations; and

WHEREAS, residents of Ninilchik have successfully petitioned a ballot question to create a new Ninilchik Recreation Service Area to support pool operations and have also raised over \$30,000 in private donations; and

WHEREAS, while local efforts to raise additional funds in both communities are proceeding, those efforts will not provide the immediate funding necessary to keep pools operational in FY26; and

WHEREAS, KPBSD swimming pools provide high value recreation, sports, health and wellness benefits for students and community members; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin, between 2016-2021 there were 342 drowning deaths in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, we never know when access to a KPBSD swimming pool will lead to an Olympic champion, or when a pool will enable someone to learn to swim and thus one day prevent a drowning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the KPBSD Board of Education utilize existing operating funds to keep the Susan B. English school pool in Seldovia and the Ninilchik school pool open for fiscal year 2026.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

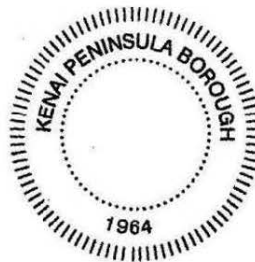


Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Baisden, Cox, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Johnson, Morton, Tunseth, Ribbens
No: None
Absent: None