

Public Comment

(via Assembly's webpage, Assembly Clerk email or Clerk's email address)

FY27 Funding KPBSD to the Cap

Name	Community (if given)	Support	Neutral	Oppose
Liza Spencer		✓		
Dr. Nicole Gricius		✓		
Liza Spencer	[duplicate - support]			
Allyson Larned		✓		
Tara Craytor			✓	
Ash-Lee Waddell	Homer	✓		
Heather Fernstrom		✓		
Connie Ferguson		✓		
Marlene Lang	Sterling	✓		
Christie Abbott	Sterling	✓		
Ben Hulbert	Sterling	✓		
Robert Wall	Sterling			✓
Courtney Reeves	Sterling	✓		
Michele Swensen				✓
[No name given]				✓
Charlie Franz				✓
Kevin Hall				✓
Diane Bush				✓
Michele Hartline	Nikiski			✓
Victoria Askin				✓
Patricia Bouton	Soldotna			✓
Sandra R Swank				✓
Ronn F Swank				✓
Jeanne Reveal				✓

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John Ledger				✓
Giner Self				✓
Wayne Ogle				✓
Mark Clemens				✓
Katy Jones				✓
Kelly Wolf				✓
Sharon Gherman	Soldotna			✓
Vince Lowery			✓	
Ed Oberts				✓
Elizabeth Moundalexis	Seward	✓		
Andrew Holland	Sterling		✓	
[No name given]				✓
Sonshine Konovalov				✓
Corin Cooper	Nikiski			✓
Rose LaHatt	Nikiski			✓
Jocelyn Cox	Nikiski			✓
Breanna Cooper	Nikiski			✓
Travis Miller	Kasilof			✓
Christina Miller	Kasilof			✓
Donovan Smith	Kenai			✓
Lila Henderson	Nikiski			✓
Misty Cole	Nikiski			✓
Ameye Carpenter	Nikiski			✓
Lena M Flensburg				✓
Frances Annette Reese	Seward			✓
Stephanie Haseltine	Kenai		✓	

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Richard Derkevorkian				✓
Lila Henderson	[duplicate - oppose]			
Jamie Miller				✓
Margaret Phelps				✓
Pascal Dilley				✓
Joe C Dilley				✓
Harold J Martin				✓
Stanley Vogel				✓
Debra Gagnon				✓
Cheric LaViolette				✓
Dwayne Clute				✓
Rachel Allmendinger		✓		
[illegible]				✓
Lisa Riley				✓
[illegible]				✓
Bernice Simpson				✓
Dorothy Cunningham				✓
Fay Lowe				✓
Don Lowe				✓
Kevin Lowe				✓
Kenry Knoll				✓
Sandra Atnip				✓
Fred J Wiedman				✓
Cheryl Graves				✓
Sandra J Bell				✓
Noreen Sullin				✓
Annette Henry				✓
Sandra Ohio				✓
Carole Hobart				✓
Fern Covey				✓
Cathy Sturman				✓

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Dennis Gagnon				✓
Janet Stacey				✓
Donald Boston				✓
Brandon McCauley				✓
Mark Hall				✓
Joseph Freel				✓
Joan Corr				✓
Tom Corr				✓
Jennifer DesErnia	Seward	✓		
Jennifer DesErnia	[duplicate - support]			
Patricia Bouton	[duplicate - oppose]			
Michele Hartline	[duplicate - oppose]			
Mary Sturman				✓
Tom Woodford				✓
Erica Fitzpatrick			✓	
Cleta Ellafritz				✓
Frank Goldthwaite				
Rebecca L. Hinsberger				✓
Keith V Nushart				✓
Dawn E Nushart				✓
Ron Bessel				✓
DW Marlowe				✓
Royce Marlowe				✓
Naomi A Bowie				✓
Carol J Cooper				✓
Allen D Parker				✓
CH Gillick				✓
Lila Lee Little	[duplicate - support]			
Billeen Carlson			✓	
Heather Fernstrom	[duplicate - support]			
Nancy Whitmore	Soldotna		✓	

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Mary Griswold	Homer	✓		
Marion Glaser		✓		
Jen		✓		
Karen Murdock		✓		
Kali Saxton-Shaw		✓		
Joel Williams		✓		
Jan Bukac	Seward	✓		
Tara Craytor	Seward [duplicate-support]			
Leanna Dafoe	Seward	✓		
Jennifer DesErmia	Seward [duplicate-support]			
Becky Buchanan		✓		
Kylor				✓
Barbara Stirling	Seward	✓		
Lori Draper	Seward	✓		
Shoshannah Brasher	Seward	✓		
Lori Landstrom	Seward	✓		
Karma Hibbetts	Seward	✓		
Leif & Heather Bardarson	Seward	✓		
Sarah Brown	Seward	✓		
Daniel McRorie		✓		
Stephanie Schilling	Seward	✓		
Katy Journey	Seward	✓		
Marion Glaser	Moose Pass [duplicate-support]			
Sadie Ulman		✓		
Justine Pechuzal	Seward	✓		
Marion Glaser	Moose Pass [duplicate-support]			
Callie Bacon	Seward	✓		
Fiona North	Seward	✓		
Hyunjung Sharon Kim	Seward	✓		
Traci Baumgardner	Seward	✓		
Mark Dalpes	Seward	✓		

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Jean Bardarson	Seward	✓
Jennifer Elhard		✓
Maria Strickland		✓
Bekah Banse		✓
Virginia Morgan	Cooper Landing	✓
Vanessa Verhey	Seward	✓
Brittany Swanson		✓
Sean Ulman		✓
Brooke Estes	Moose Pass	✓
Sandra Barron	Moose Pass	✓
Laura Johnson	Moose Pass	✓
Madison Smith	Seward	✓
Mike Cooney	Moose Pass	✓
Patricia Linville	Seward	✓
Grace Williams	Seward	✓
Jacqueline Pepi-Marshall	Seward	✓
[illegible]	Seward	✓
[illegible]	Seward	✓
Kim Barhaug		✓
[illegible]		✓
[illegible]		✓
Anna Gunter		✓
[illegible]		✓
Nicole Stover		✓
[illegible]		✓
[illegible]		✓
Loretta Honebeen		✓
[illegible]		✓
Jessica Stallard		✓
Joshua Girard		✓
Jean Garcia		✓

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Rebecca Dixon		✓		
Lizzy Sutphin		✓		
Julie Lindquist		✓		
Laura Haskins		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
Aksel Unrein		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
Lola Swanson		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
Larry Bamford		✓		
Kaylynn Reed		✓		
Isaac Leblanc		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
Emerson Cross		✓		
Lane Peterson		✓		
Otto Nipp		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
Grace Schaefermeyer		✓		
Alejandro Sanchez		✓		
[illegible]		✓		
Grace Williams	[duplicate-support]			
Basil Dougherty		✓		
Lynda Paquette		✓		
Denise Williamson				✓
Brittany Hillson		✓		
Chelsea K		✓		
Billy Wolfe	Seward	✓		
Warren & Mary Huss	Seward	✓		
Micheley Kowalski	Seward	✓		✓

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George Daniels	Seward			
Jesse Labenski	Seward	✓		
Debbie Van Tassel	Seward			✓
Sophie Agnew	Seward	✓		
Shane Pierced		✓		
Christy Phillips	Seward	✓		
Dustin Phillips	Seward	✓		
Nikole Lyon	Seward	✓		
Jennifer Haugh	Seward	✓		
Stephanie Mullaly	Seward	✓		
Alexis Kaferstein	Seward	✓		
Sue Pfiefenburger	Seward	✓		
Elizabeth Jones	Seward	✓		
Clay Olsen	Seward	✓		
Radostina Radoslavova	Seward	✓		
Tina Faulkner	Seward	✓		
Keri Russell	Seward	✓		
Marsha Lonabaugh	Seward	✓		
Jason Brown	Seward	✓		
Emily Bena	Seward	✓		
Erin Flowers	Seward	✓		
Kathleen Davis	Seward	✓		
Kim Stewart	Seward	✓		
Sara Jayne Minden	Seward	✓		
Monika Banic	Seward	✓		
Tara Swanson	Seward	✓		
Crystal Dean	Seward	✓		
Jessica Bamford	Seward	✓		
Samara Byrnes	Seward	✓		
Abby Webb	Seward	✓		
Matthew Cook	Seward	✓		

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Eva Sanchez	Seward	✓		
Marissa Amore Henga	Seward	✓		
Carrie Lunardi	Seward	✓		
Stephanie Wright		✓		
Anna Pullins		✓		
Lavina Dickinson	Seward	✓		
Emilee Sawyer	Seward	✓		
Emily Martis		✓		
Dan Walker		✓		
Monika Banic	Seward [duplicate-support]			
Jennifer Boyle	Moose Pass	✓		
Jennifer Boyle	Moose Pass [duplicate-support]	✓		
Tyler Pelo	Seward	✓		
Lars Lindberg	Seward	✓		
Monica Hinders		✓		
Lisa Rininger	Seward	✓		
Jenny Ennis		✓		
Kent Rininger		✓		
Elizabeth Weisiger		✓		
Aundre Turner	Seward	✓		
Sarah Donahue		✓		
Carol Jane Rea		✓		
Jilian Chapman	Seward	✓		
Mandy Broyden		✓		
Janet Shipton	Moose Pass	✓		
Kim Kowalski-Rogers		✓		✓
David Struif	Seward			
Melissa Houselog		✓		
Barbara Stirling	Seward [duplicate-support]			
Leif & Heather Bardarson	Seward [duplicate-support]			
Irene Ransom		✓		

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Elizabeth Jones	[duplicate support]	
Geri Nipp		✓
Hunter Strickland		✓
Jessica Bamford	Seward [duplicate-support]	
Maya Moriarty	Seward	✓
Kyle Schneider	Homer	✓
Jan Bukac	Seward [duplicate-support]	
Shelly Shank	Seward	✓
Joanna Johnson	Seward	✓
Carri Fisher	Seward	✓
Ruby Boyle	Seward	✓
Ryli		✓
Karyn Clemens		✓
Monty Fisher	Seward	✓
Briley Appel		✓
Ashton Nichols		✓
Briley Appel	[duplicate support]	
Evelyn Bukac	Seward	✓
Adell Groom	Seward	✓
Kirk DesErmia		✓
Amber Humbert	Seward	✓
Emily Mailman	Seward	✓
Blake Pullins		✓
Kathleen Davis	Seward [duplicate-support]	
Stephanie Cronin		✓
Rachel Sullivan	Cooper Landing	✓
Cathy Weiford		✓
David Paperman		✓
Christy Phillips	[duplicate support]	
Chris Thompson		✓
Debra Burdick-Hinton	Seward	✓

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Amy Bukac	Seward	✓		
Zach Johnson		✓		
Ayla Tritz		✓		
Maria Fletcher		✓		
Jerald Flynn	Seward	✓		
Simon Estes	Seward	✓		
Michael Mahmood		✓		
David Lyon		✓		
Andrea Rodriguez	Seward	✓		
Jacob Bridges		✓		
Gillian Braver		✓		
Christy Jordan		✓		
Madelyn Walker	Seward	✓		
Heather Shank	Seward	✓		
Melody Sprangler-Hatch		✓		
Kyla Davis	Seward	✓		
Aksel Unrein	[duplicate support]			
Iris Anderson		✓		
Sarah Hubbard	Seward	✓		
Bonnie Moore		✓		
Kari Anderson	Seward	✓		
Catherine Turnbull		✓		
Donna Tucker	Cooper Landing	✓		
Kathryn Recken	Cooper Landing	✓		
John Vanderhoff	Cooper Landing	✓		
Mary Beth Zimmerle		✓		
Claire Shipton	Moose Pass	✓		
Lily Montgomery	Bear Creek	✓		
Kyle Schneider	[duplicate support]			
Kathy James	Cooper Landing	✓		

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From: Liza Spencer <lizaspencer.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 10:05 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund our schools

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the KPB system. Please use caution when responding or providing information. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, know the content is safe and were expecting the communication.

Dear Members of the Borough Assembly,

I am writing to urge you to fully fund our school district to the statutory cap.

Our district consistently demonstrates strong academic performance, with test scores that rank high compared to other districts across the state. These outcomes are not accidental. They are the result of dedicated educators, engaged families, and students who show up every day ready to learn and work hard. Continued success requires continued investment.

Teachers cannot be expected to do more with less. Year after year of funding shortfalls places an unsustainable burden on educators, staff, and ultimately students. Class sizes grow, resources shrink, and critical programs are put at risk — all while expectations remain the same or increase. That is neither fair nor realistic.

It is also unreasonable to transfer the state's funding responsibilities onto local taxpayers. Local communities should not be forced to shoulder debt created by decisions made at the state level. Doing so undermines trust and places families in an impossible position.

Finally, closing and consolidating schools will not solve the massive funding gap facing education. These actions disrupt communities, harm students, and create long-term costs that outweigh any short-term savings. Consolidation is not a substitute for adequate, stable funding.

Our students deserve the best. They demonstrate every day that they are committed to their education, their futures, and their communities. It is our responsibility as leaders and residents to meet that commitment with the funding and support they need to succeed.

I respectfully ask you to fully fund our school district to the cap and to prioritize the long-term success of our students and educators.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Liza Spencer

From: Nicole Gricius <nikki.a.gricius@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 10:47 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding Decisions Affect Real Families

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the KPB system. Please use caution when responding or providing information. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, know the content is safe and were expecting the communication.

Dear Assembly Members,

I'm writing as a parent and community member to urge you to do everything you can to fully fund our public schools and halt harmful cuts, consolidations, and further degradations. My kids are current students at Paul Banks and West Homer elementary. They swim on the swim team, receive services from the schools, contribute to the community, and have thrived in the KPSD school system.

There's a well-known rule in the outdoors: leave the campsite better than you found it. It's a simple ethic to govern how we show up to care for our public resources, but a powerful one, and I think it applies here. When it comes to our schools, cutting resources does not follow the campsite rule; it leaves lasting harm for the children and communities who come after us. When you accepted a role as a public servant, was that your goal? Is your legacy going to be defined by ethics problems and shutting down vibrant, high performing schools, taking teachers out of classrooms, and leaving everything a little worse than you got it? I hope not.

Our schools are foundational infrastructure, not a line item on a budget. There is no fat left to be trimmed, anything you take away is meat and potatoes. Strong schools define communities: they anchor neighborhoods, attract families, support working parents, and give children stability, opportunity, and hope. When schools are weakened, the effects ripple outward—on student outcomes, teacher retention, family well-being, and the long-term health of the entire area. If you want there to be good doctors and nurses willing to live here and provide care for you in your old age, focus on education of local children now.

There is also a direct connection between school quality and economic health. My own family is part of that story. We chose to move here and invest in this community while holding out-of-state remote jobs *because* the schools are excellent. The lion's share of our income comes straight from the lower 48 and into the local economy, from the Credit Union that carries our mortgage to local spending, property taxes, hockey fees, and the like. The connection between the economic health of the community and the school system isn't vague or theoretical, it is concrete and immediate. If the schools didn't impress us, we wouldn't be here. Do you want to hurt the economy of your local community, or do everything you can to better it?

Balancing budgets and advancing agendas on the backs of children and educators is not a neutral act. In the face of hard choices, be thoughtful. If you are complicit in stripping the schools of what they need to thrive, you are complicit in causing real, preventable harm to your community that may never be undone and that will ripple for years. Also, make sure someone checks your math. The solutions proposed don't actually seem to be backed up by long term cost savings. If your solutions don't make sense in ten years, they don't make sense.

Fully fund the borough's portion of the school budget. Don't consolidate Paul Banks and West Homer, don't consolidate Seward's middle and high schools, don't close the pools, don't cut staff, and fix the dysfunctional budget calendar and further increase the BSA now. Leave things better than you found them.

Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of these choices. Your reply to this message is appreciated.

Dr. Nicole Gricius

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Please consider funding
to the cap. Our kids
deserve a quality educa-
tion. They continue to
not perform the rest of
the state in testing &
should have your
full support. It is not
their fault that the
state won't fully fund.

KPB Assembly
144 N. Binkley St.
Soldotna, AK
99669

Lisa Spurr

SWEETZER
& ORANGE

From: Allyson Larned <allyson.larned@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:28 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Prioritize Funding Public Education Please

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the KPB system. Please use caution when responding or providing information. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender, know the content is safe and were expecting the communication.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Allyson Larned. I am a parent of two young children enrolled in a Kenai Peninsula Borough School District school. I grew up in Soldotna where my mother has been a teacher in the district for many years. She has decided to retire this year at 83 years old! A couple of years ago my husband and I had an opportunity to move to Alaska from Montana and couldn't have felt luckier. I believe I had a uniquely wonderful childhood and a huge part of this is due to the communities on the Kenai Peninsula. These communities surrounded by astounding beauty and opportunity produce well-rounded and grounded children capable of thriving in our communities. The idea of our children starting school in the same district I attended was a big selling point for us moving our family to Alaska. To contrast, my husband's primary education in a rural county in Montana was an experience he did not want his own children to have, thus the move was a calculated decision for us.

I am writing today because I am greatly troubled by the funding issues of our schools and thus the future of education for our youth. I understand the financial situation of Alaska in general, tied to oil revenue and low prices, is not in a great place. But, I am also aware there are decisions made that can prioritize education, supporting and investing in our youth; conversely, there are decisions made that seem to penalize an already stressed system at the detriment of our children and their education. I believe investing in the future of our community is done by investing in educating our youth. If we expect these children to have the ability to make financial decisions and run the businesses that keep our communities thriving in the future, we need to ensure they have a good foundation that starts with excellent education. It feels incredibly short-sighted to continually take funding away from schools with consequences that will have lasting impacts on our communities and our state.

The topic of education budgets and funding has been on the minds of many of my fellow parent community members. A solid, high quality education will keep hard-working families in our community. In contrast, an underfunded, low-quality school system will force families to seek higher quality elsewhere. I understand we use test scores as an indicator in quality, and the KPBSD has consistently done well as far as testing. Imagine what we could do with a fully funded public education system! We have an opportunity here to change our priorities and invest in our youth and their education. If we want doctors, lawyers, fisherman, roadbuilders, and entrepreneurs in the future with emotional ties that may keep them wanting to live in our small, remote communities, now is the time to invest. Please, I urge you, as an elected official, to prioritize public education for the future of our state and communities!

Thank you for your public service and with kindest regard,

From: Tara Craytor <taracray@me.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:35 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Mayor's Department; KLyons@kpbsd.k12.ak.us;
KDendurent@kpbsd.k12.ak.us; CHolland@KPBSD.k12.ak.us
Cc: ksorensen@cityofseward.net; sewardsfolly25@gmail.com
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Seward Pool Status

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Dear Borough Mayor, Assembly Members, and School District Leadership,

I am hoping to get an answer regarding the status of conversations regarding operations of the borough owned pools currently being operated by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. I've become increasingly concerned that no forward progress is being made on the decision of what entity will take over these pools once the school district stops operations. I would like some reassurance that the KPB is working to set a rent so that interested municipalities and organizations can take the steps necessary to take on operation.

I am a lifeguard and a Seward Tsunami swim coach at the pool in Seward so I am acutely aware of the value our pool, a pool also utilized by the communities of Moose Pass, Cooper Landing, and Hope, as it is their nearest pool.

I attended the KPBSD budget meeting in Seward on Tuesday night and was in Kodiak at a swim meet this last weekend and after conversations with other stakeholders I became very worried these decisions have been placed on the back burner. I was able to speak with Seward City Manager Kat Sorensen yesterday and she told me she hasn't been in any conversations in a month or two and the information the City of Seward has been given is the same information being presented in the public meetings. This does not seem adequate. Because the pool is in a borough owned building, the pool will need to be rented, thus rent will need to be set by the borough for a municipality or a local agency to take it on. The two slides from the PowerPoint presentation given to the school board on Seward pool's revenue and cost aren't adequate for any entity to determine what is needed to take on operations.

Additionally, with the Coast Guard set to make a decision at the end of March regarding the stationing of one of several new ice breakers here in Seward, a move that would move an estimated 4,500 people to Seward, an operational pool is going to be an important factor in their decision making - the Coast Guard currently relies on the Seward pool for trainings, as does AVTEC and the Alaska SeaLife Center.

The concerned pool users of Seward would greatly appreciate an update on the status of conversations and assurance that information will be made available in an expedient manner as the end date of KPBSD funding rapidly approaches.

Thank you,

Tara Craytor
907.362.1555

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 4:17 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ash-Lee Waddell

Your Email: ashleewaddellhomer@gmail.com

Subject: Budget

Message:

Dear KPB Assembly Members,

I am writing in my personal capacity, as a KPB citizen and the parent of a KPBSD student. Although I am an elected member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, this message is not an official statement of the KPBSD Board and should not be interpreted as an official statement nor as a direction to district administration or staff.

My intent is to provide a clear request for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to consider during budget deliberations.

Request: Please adopt borough school operating support at the maximum local contribution allowed by law ("fund to the cap").

I recognize the intersecting pressures driving local budget instability: rising facility maintenance and utility needs, enrollment-driven revenue variability, and state-level funding processes that are under active scrutiny and revision.

The state's funding formula and major maintenance list has been described publicly as a statewide crisis, and recent appropriations have not fully covered identified needs. KPBSD has reported FY27 projected enrollment of approximately 8,104 students, and state documents presented to lawmakers describe additional statewide enrollment decline, both of which affect formula-driven revenue planning.

I am not asserting that additional local funding solves all structural issues. I am asserting that FY27 decisions should prioritize continuity and predictability for students and staff while longer-term repairs are pursued: (1) state-level adjustments to the funding process, and (2) sustained work on facility maintenance, budgetary analysis, and right-sizing strategies over multiple years.

If the Assembly chooses a level below the maximum allowed contribution, I respectfully propose for consideration that the adopted budget materials document (1) the state-funding assumptions used in the borough budget build and (2) the major tradeoffs implicated by a below-cap local contribution (perhaps summary-level impacts to education services alongside other borough priorities). This helps

the public track cause-and-effect across decisions.

Legislative context (uncertainty statement, not a prediction): Alaska's public school foundation formula is defined in AS 14.17, and HB 261 is one example of ongoing work intended to stabilize budgeting by adjusting how the student count is used (e.g., prior-year or multi-year averaging options). Because the final outcome, timing, and implementation details are not assured during the borough's FY27 budget adoption window, funding to the cap functions as a stabilizing bridge while state-level restructuring continues.

Thank you for considering this request during budget deliberations.

May the odds be ever in favor of sustaining our public education system and providing all of our students the opportunities to achieve the greatest of outcomes,

Ash-Lee Waddell
Homer

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 9:40 AM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Heather Fernstrom

Your Email: fernstrom.heather@gmail.com

Subject: Please fully fund education

Message:

Dear KPB Assembly Members,

As a mother of a third grader and a kindergartener in the KPBSD, I implore you to please fund our local schools to the fullest extent possible.

Our children are our future, and we must invest in them. I am very concerned about the calls to increase the teacher to student ratio, consolidate schools, and cut programs and services, as I fear these strategies will not improve the learning conditions for our students. Please prioritize funding for our schools; our children will be our future Assembly Members, mayors, doctors, builders, teachers, entrepreneurs, and utility operators. We must invest in them.

Thank you for your service.

Warmly,

Heather Fernstrom

From: Connie Ferguson <connieraven@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 6:21 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund our schools to the Cap!!!

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Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

We have higher property taxes, if we have to pay them then we should have a say in where you spend them. Please let the public know that you are going to fund education to the cap because you care about the children in our communities! We are hearing rumblings about school closing and staff being cut when the KPB Assembly has the ability to tell our children you will fund to the cap and we can be considering how to improve our schools instead of closing them. Thank you for helping us all spend our time improving schools instead of worrying about the future of our KPB schools.

From: marlene langcfzfxsxc <marlang99672@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 9:54 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please fund the maximum Cap

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Dear Assembly Members,

As a Sterling resident and a parent at Sterling Elementary, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed consolidation of our school with Soldotna Elementary.

Our community cannot afford to lose its only school. Forcing our children onto the Sterling Highway for longer commutes is a safety risk we aren't willing to take, and overcrowding Soldotna schools is not a solution—it's a step backward for our kids' education.

I am calling on the Borough Assembly to:

- Fund the KPBSD to the maximum allowable cap.
- Protect neighborhood schools like Sterling from closure.
- Prioritize our children over budget cuts.

We chose to live and pay taxes in Sterling because of this school. If the school closes, our property values and our community's future will suffer. Please do the right thing and provide the funding necessary to keep Sterling Elementary open.

Thank you,

Marlene Lang

907-394-4984

36581 Lake View street

Sterling Al 99672

From: Christie Abbott <christieutrup@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 7:50 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund Sterling Elementary to the cap

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Dear Assembly Members,

As a Sterling resident and a parent at Sterling Elementary, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed consolidation of our school with Soldotna Elementary.

Our community cannot afford to lose its only school. Forcing our children onto the Sterling Highway for longer commutes is a safety risk we aren't willing to take, and overcrowding Soldotna schools is not a solution—it's a step backward for our kids' education. I for one would be pulling my child from the district for IDEA homeschool if Sterling Elementary does not remain open. And I know I'm not the only family that would do so.

I am calling on the Borough Assembly to:

- Fund the KPBSD to the maximum allowable cap.
- Protect neighborhood schools like Sterling from closure.
- Prioritize our children over budget cuts.

We chose to live and pay taxes in Sterling because of this school. If the school closes, our property values and our community's future will suffer. Please do the right thing and provide the funding necessary to keep Sterling Elementary open.

Thank you,

Christie Abbott

38959 A Private Rd/ PO Box 864, Sterling, AK

(907)398-9082

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ben Hulbert <benhulbert86@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 7:00 AM
To: Griebel, Scott; Tunseth, Ryan; Niesen, Lenora; Truesdell, Sargeant; Eicher, Dale; Ecklund, Cindy; Hicks, Michael; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, William; Mayor Peter Micciche; G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the Cap!

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Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

I am a parent at Sterling Elementary and a resident of the borough. I am writing to implore you to fund the School District to the maximum allowable "cap."

The recommendation to consolidate Sterling Elementary with Soldotna is unacceptable. Our school is the heart of our community, and closing it would force our children into dangerous highway commutes and overcrowded classrooms. Please prioritize our neighborhood schools and provide the funding necessary to keep Sterling Elementary open.

Thank You,

Benjamin Hulbert
36331 Feuding Ln
Sterling, AK 99672

Sent from my iPhone

From: rkwallak@reagan.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 4:31 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Cc: Griebel, Scott; Tunseth, Ryan; Niesen, Lenora; Truesdell, Sargeant; Eicher, Dale; Ecklund, Cindy; Hicks, Michael; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, William
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Assembly notification: Oppose funding to the CAP. Wall, Robert Sterling

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Miss Turner,

Please provide the entire Assembly and the Mayors office with my testimony as follows:

Greetings Assembly Members, and Mayor Micciche,
Thank you all for your service and hard work for our World Class Borough,

I live in Sterling Precinct 085. I've lived here since 1981.

I am adamantly and vociferously opposed to funding to the CAP for the Education Budget.

We have many societal issues that could be seen building over the last 30 years. The lack of job creation has been a main driver in weakening our neighborhoods. The support of the NEA and some Assemblies for economic growth has been sporadic, at best, and at times they've been down right hostile to projects that could have grown our private economy.

The Kenai Peninsula residents are already paying a high percentage of their income into the Education system. If we continue to fund to the CAP, taxes will be close to double in 8 to 10 years. This would further shrink our population.

The School District reported last year that if they were funded to the cap, they would get their spending under control. They did not. The School Board has proven to be unable to come to grips with the empty seats in the brick and mortar schools, and this does not inspire the tax payer's confidence.

So here we are - the system is broken. What can be done? We must prioritize growing our private economy.

In the meantime, the School District needs to cut its budget. The Education Department management is still top heavy. Our students need to show improving metrics and lower truancy rates. Focus on the class rooms and stick with one solid curriculum.

Finally, when the next mining or drilling project comes along, or gas pipeline, encourage all the teachers and employees in the Education system to be strong public supporters, rather than fight against its success. Jobs create the ability for families to thrive and grow, this leads to human flourishing. The Kenai can flourish, so I encourage all 10 of you folks to not fund to the CAP, and require some measurable and achievable goals for our Superintendent and his Education Team. More money is not working.

Respectfully,
Robert Wall
Sterling

From: Courtney Reeves <courtney.reeves@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 9:05 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; sgriebel@kpbsd.us; Tunseth, Ryan; Niesen, Lenora; Truesdell, Sargeant; Eicher, Dale; Ecklund, Cindy; Hicks, Michael; Cooper, Kelly; Dunne, William; Mayor Peter Micciche
Cc: boardofeducation@kpbsd.k12.ak.us; EKvamme@kpbsd.k12.ak.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>URGENT: Save Sterling Elementary – Vote for Maximum School Funding

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Dear Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to fund the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to the maximum level allowable by law. Doing so is critical to preventing the closure and consolidation of small community schools like Sterling Elementary School.

Sterling Elementary is now being considered for consolidation with Soldotna Elementary School. At the same time, Soldotna Elementary is already preparing for additional consolidation changes once the new prep school project is complete. This would mean multiple major transitions in a short period of time for very young children. That is a tremendous amount of instability for students who rely on routine, familiarity, and strong relationships with staff.

For my own son, Sterling has been life-changing. Before coming to Sterling, he attended Soldotna Elementary, where he struggled deeply. During that time, he often felt isolated and unsupported. As a child who spent time in foster care and carries significant trauma, stability and connection are not luxuries for him, they are necessities. When those needs were not met, he came home emotionally overwhelmed and defeated. His confidence eroded, and so did his desire to learn.

When we moved him to Sterling about a year ago, the difference was immediate and profound. The smaller environment, the attentive staff, and the genuine relationships he built there transformed his experience. His love of learning returned. He no longer tries to convince me he cannot go to school. Instead, he gets ready willingly and confidently because he knows he has what feels like a personal fan club in his teachers and support staff. They know him, understand his history, and meet him where he is.

Forcing him back into a building where he previously struggled and then asking him to transition yet again into an even larger consolidated school would be incredibly harmful. Children who have experienced trauma depend on predictability and trusted relationships. Repeated disruption can undo hard-won progress and push them backward emotionally and academically.

Sterling is more than a building; it is a community. I know many students who would not be where they are today without the extraordinary staff at Sterling Elementary. Smaller schools provide

connection, safety, and individualized attention that many children, especially those who struggle with transitions or need additional support, depend on. Losing this school would be devastating to many children in our community, but especially to children like mine who could easily become lost in a much larger system.

I hope that hearing just one of the many stories that reflect Sterling's impact will encourage you to pause and consider what is truly at stake. I respectfully ask that you prioritize education funding and bring the borough contribution to the allowable cap. Investing in our schools is an investment in our children's stability, growth, and long-term success.

Thank you for your time and for considering the real and lasting impact these decisions will have on families like mine.

Respectfully,
Courtney Reeves
Parent of a Sterling Elementary Student

From: Mark & Michele Swensen <mmswensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 10:46 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Mayor's Department
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,
Thank you for serving our community.

As a resident and taxpayer of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, I request that you choose to fund education in such a way that will be sustainable into the future and NOT funding it to the cap Michele Swensen

Sent from my iPhone

From: alzskadb@alaska.net
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 9:53 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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Stop giving any money to government school system until they make systemic changes to actually educate our children.. if you are unable to stop all funding at least STOP FUNDING TO THE CAP.

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 11:55 AM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Charlie Franz

Your Email: kachemakcharlie@gmail.com

Subject: Education Funding

Message:

Assembly Members, and Mayor Micciche,

I have lived in Homer since 1995 and have closely watched the increased spending and declining performance of our schools. I am opposed to funding the Education Budget to the cap.

The Kenai Peninsula residents are already paying a significant portion of their income into the Education system. If we continue to fund education to the cap, taxes will be close to double in 8 to 10 years. This would further shrink our population and make supporting the education system at the level they expect and demand even more burdensome to the remaining residents.

Last year, the School District reported that if they were funded to the cap, they would get their spending under control. They did not. The School Board has proven to be unwilling or unable to come to grips with the declining enrollment in the brick-and-mortar schools, and this does not inspire the taxpayer's confidence that things will ever change.

We need to face the fact that the system is broken. We must prioritize growing our private economy to develop a tax base that can adequately support the education our children deserve.

In the meantime, the School District needs to cut its budget. The Education Department stays overstaffed at the management level. Our students need to show performance improvements and lower truancy rates. Focus must be on supporting teachers in the classrooms, and the district must stick with one solid curriculum.

Finally, when the next mining or drilling project comes along, or gas pipeline, encourage all the teachers and employees in the Education system to be strong public supporters, rather than fight against its success. Jobs create the ability for families to thrive and grow; this leads to humans flourishing. The Kenai can flourish, so I encourage the Assembly not to fund to the cap and require some measurable and achievable goals for our Superintendent and his team. More money has not solved the problems in the past and will not solve them in the future.

Respectfully,
Charlie Franz

From: Kevin Hall <kevnden@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 5:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding

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My name is Kevin Hall. My folks homesteaded in Naptowne in 1956. I grew up there and raised my own family there. My wife and I are retired and continue to live on that homestead.

No one in my wide circle of friends are in favor of funding to the cap. Most of us agree that it is unsustainable and fiscally irresponsible.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Kevin Hall

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From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 6:20 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Diane Bush

Your Email: mumzrs@yahoo.com

Subject: Funding to cap

Message:

I would like to voice my opinion regarding funding to the cap. I am otally against this, each year this issue comes up, you fund to the cap and nothing changes!! It's time to live within our means and stop bleeding Peninsula residents dry with no different results.

From: Michele Hartline <hartlines@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 6:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please DO NOT fund KPBSD to the cap

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Dear Assembly members,

I urge you to NOT fund the KPB schools “to the cap” this year. They (the KPBSD) said that if WE funded to the cap last year they would get their excessive spending under control. They did not.

THEY DID NOT:

1. Improve student scores. Instead, they brag incessantly that KPB scores are the best in the state. (Which in itself is false. The Matsu has proven to have much better scores than the KPBSD.) Our state ranks at the very bottom of all US states. Should we be proud that our school district is better than others in Alaska? Essentially, we are acknowledging that our children are earning the grade F+ among all other US peers. Puhleez! We can do so much better. Reference the great scores of our own charter schools NOT being managed by the KPBSD.
2. Show improvement in student retention with consistent reduction in enrollment each year. Parents have learned their children are not getting educated at KPBSD but the parents are smart enough to find and provide their students with a better quality education through other resources. Why can't the highly paid and educated KPBSD professionals figure that out?
3. Show any leadership as “grownups” by reducing costs, including closing and repurposing schools that have low attendance. Fairbanks, the Mat-Su, and even Anchorage have closed schools despite the crying and gnashing of teeth by emotional parents and teachers. These teachers and parents are undoubtedly saturating your emails with pleas and tears to not cut their beloved school. It's we, the silent majority that are expected to step up and pay for their mental distress. Please do not fall for this immature manipulation. You are not robbing the kids of their education you would simply be offering them a very expensive education in a different location.
4. Trim the top heavy expensive management, who are unwilling to stop changing expensive curriculum every few years. Dick, Jane and Puff taught us how to read for generations and decades. KPBSD regularly spend millions on “new” curriculum and yet every year graduates of KPBSD have proven they cannot even read a simple menu. (See bullet 1 above).

Thank you for taking the time and reading my concerns and asking you, our elected assembly leaders, to NOT fund the school district to the cap. Please DO fund our school district to the limits proposed by Mayor Micciche, and send a clear message to our indulgent school district that they need to be more responsible and accountable of taxpayers money.

Michele Hartline

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 7:18 AM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Victoria Askin

Your Email: ectt@ptialaska.net

Subject: School Funding

Message:

Please DO NOT vote for funding to the cap for our schools. It is financially unsustainable and irresponsible. We have several schools that are at 50% capacity or less, yet all are fully staffed. The most egregious disservice, in my opinion, is our scores. We simply cannot continue this path of mediocrity. Last year, we were told it was a one-time ask, but nothing changed.

From: Patty Bouton <blaze99712@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:01 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Niesen, Lenora
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>oppose funding to the cap

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KPB Assembly

March 5, 2026

Greetings Assembly members:

I am opposed to KPB funding to the cap.

Education needs to do a better job of managing their funds. Continuing to fund to the cap is not sustainable. The Borough is losing students; there's been no change in proficiency scores. At some point we have to live and spend within our means.

I suggest putting a community committee together, made up local business people. No biases, no emotion, just plain financial common sense. Go through the budget by line-item. Cut or reduce spending based on common sense and numbers...not emotion, numbers. Any school less than 50% occupancy, needs serious consideration of closing.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bouton, Soldotna

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:14 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Sandra R Swank

Your Email: h2obuddie@yahoo.com

Subject: Education Cap Funding

Message:

I live in Sterling Precinct 085. I adamantly oppose the funding to the CAP for the Education Budget. Increased funding for the Education system has been increased over and over again with the promise that the KPBSD would get their budget under control if we will just give them more money. As a taxpayer I am sick of the empty promises from KPBSD.

I believe that the School District remains top heavy. Do not take out more teachers or close schools that are vital to our communities to save high paying and redundant positions. Our classrooms need improved metrics and lower truancy. The school district needs to focus on teachers and classrooms and stick with with a good curriculum instead of continually changing curriculums without improving metrics..

The Borough would be better served to increase our population by approving projects that bring work to our areas and developing measurable and achievable goals for the Education Department and holding them accountable rather than spending money on funding to the CAP.

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:22 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: RONN F SWANK

Your Email: mercytrainer@outlook.com

Subject: Funding to Education CAP

Message:

I live in Sterling Precinct 085.

I am adamantly opposed to the funding to the CAP for the Education Budget. Increased funding for the Education system has been increased over and over again with little change in the educational metrics for student improvement. In past years, the KPBSD promised they would get their budget under control if we will just give them more money and each year they are back asking for more money. They are threatening to close 2 schools to try and get more money. Both schools they want to close are vital to their communities and would result in a hardship for students and parents. As a taxpayer I am sick of the empty promises from KPBSD.

I believe that the School District remains top heavy and their budget needs to be looked at critically with this in mind. Do not take out more teachers or close schools that are vital to our communities to save high paying and redundant positions. Our classrooms need improved metrics and lower truancy. The school district needs to focus on teachers and classrooms and stick with with a good curriculum instead of continually changing curriculums without improving metrics.

The Borough would be better served to:

- 1) increase our population by approving projects that bring work to our areas, thus more tax dollars; and
- 2) developing measurable and achievable goals for the Education Department and holding them accountable rather than spending money on funding to the CAP.

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 8:39 AM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jeanne Reveal

Your Email: Bearsabove@msn.com

Subject: Funding to the cap

Message:

Dear Mayor and Assembly,

I am shocked that after last year, we would consider funding to the cap. Education is in great need of overhaul. Throwing more money at the defunct outdated system is not the answer. Many teachers and students deserve more.

There are many places in the budget to cut. With languishing student populations, it s33ms the Board is trying to make up for attrition with funding instead of cutting.

Please , do not fund to the cap.

Jeanne Reveal.

From: John Ledger <FullMetalMiningAk@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2026 8:37 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Education Cap

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Don't fund to the Cap!

John Ledger

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2026 4:59 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ginger Self

Your Email: gingerself1959@gmail.com

Subject: Schools

Message:

Please don't fund to the cap. The KPB residents can't keep funding to the cap every year!! The school district needs to cut starting at the top and working down. Not from the Otto

From: Wayne Ogle <who_enterprises@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2026 9:20 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>FUND TO THE CAP

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Dear Assembly Members:

In my six years on the Assembly I struggled with the perennial mantra from KPSD to 'FUND TO THE CAP'. They seem to take it for granted each year that the Assembly will succumb to their wishes without hesitation. I had voted for and against the cap in my tenure. However, I did so after being reminded by wise members of the Assembly that my primary duty was to the financial well being of KPB and NOT the school district.

I see that Mayor Micciche does not recommend 'funding to the cap' this year. (And last year, too!) Our Mayor is a smart businessman and is concerned that a sizable amount of funds going to KPSD which 'funding to the cap' represents is not in the best interests of the Borough financially. As stated previously, your duty lies with KPB. I admit I have not been following the financial details of KPB and KPSD as you have. However, my frustrations with KPSD is that every year seems to be an irreconcilable financial crisis with no realistic and long term solution ever offered. Add to that, a declining enrollment rate and test scores that are not noteworthy.

My bottom line advice: listen to the Mayor's financial concerns about KPB and base your decision on what is best for the Borough. That is what the voters elected you to do.

Thank you for all the hard work you do in being our people's representatives!

Wayne Ogle
who_enterprises@yahoo.com

From: Mark Clemens <mclemens59@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 1:48 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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Life long peninsula resident here.

Funding our schools to the CAP will place an unreasonable and unaffordable expense on our residents.

While I'm not happy about our middle school in Seward being potentially closed, if we don't have enough students to fill the class rooms at the appropriate funding level what can we do? How many expenses can be cut to save the proposed 4-schools being closed?

If we fund at the CAP , then the CAP will have to be readjusted and increased which will also place more future tax burdens on us residents.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Katy Campbell <katycampbell@ymail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 8:34 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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Hello,

I am writing to inform your team that my family and I do not support raising the amount of funding for public education in any way.

I would like to see an audit of what the current spending level is supporting. Where is that money being spent and on what? If the taxpayers are funding it, that should be a viable option.

The communities are turning to homeschool in overwhelming numbers due to the curriculum that's being taught not allowing our students to learn needed skills for the future, as well as not aligning with the personal values and beliefs of the parents in our communities.

Best regards,
Katy Jones

From: yrc@acsalaska.net
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 1:35 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>To the assembly from Kelly Wolf

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To the honorable assembly members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

It's way past time that the school district begins consolidating schools. District expenses continue to rise as students enrollment declines. Because of poor curriculum choices by the district. As consolidation happens, so should the consolidation within the ivory tower of the district office and administration. Parents are removing their children from school because of woke and DEI programs embedded within the curriculum and being taught. Simply parents don't trust the educational system any longer. While charter schools who operate on 75% of the funding granted by the state and borough are wildly successful.

If you continue to blindly fund education to the cap and because of that poor choice of spending without accountability. Then property taxes will increase to the point the population will move away and revenue will decrease as well as student population. Inability causing schools to be shuttered and businesses closed.

Don't fall for the scam that the LNG project will increase populations of the Kenai Peninsula as the workforce necessary to build the facilities and pipeline will be shuttled in to Alaska on a rotational basis during construction this is simply because the educational system has not kept up with vocational trades demands. There is no skill workforce surplus anymore not Alaska not in America.

sincerely

Former state representative Kelly Wolf and former KPB assembly member

From: Sharon Gherman <sgherman677@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2026 6:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School Funding

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Assembly members,

I support the mayor's budget number for education funding. I do NOT support funding education to the cap. We are spending TOO MUCH to educate our youth.

Sharon Gherman
32730 Riverwind Drive
Soldotna, AK 99669
sgherman677@gmail.com

From: V Lowery <skpthat@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:30 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Smarter Approach to Local Revenue

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Dear Assembly Leadership,

As discussions continue about potential ways to increase local revenue, I would encourage the Assembly to consider a more strategic approach that focuses on discretionary spending and tourism, rather than taxes that impact residents' basic cost of living.

Taxes on necessities—such as housing-related costs, utilities, or other everyday expenses—place the greatest burden on families who may already be struggling. When governments rely heavily on those sources, the people most affected are often the ones with the least financial flexibility.

A more balanced approach would be to examine areas where spending is optional and tied to disposable income. For example, certain industries already exist partly as revenue generators. Marijuana is one example. Legalization was widely promoted as a way to create taxable revenue streams for state and local governments, and with the number of retail locations per capita in Alaska, this sector represents a potential area for thoughtful revenue policy.

Another area worth evaluating is tourism-related spending, particularly by non-residents. Alaska is a destination state. Visitors routinely travel long distances and spend significant amounts of money to participate in activities such as guided fishing trips, hunting excursions, sightseeing tours, and visits to state or local sites.

Rather than simply raising prices across the board, the Assembly could explore targeted tourism-related taxes or fees tied to specific activities or visitor services. Examples might include certain guided recreational experiences, visitor-oriented packages, or non-resident activity permits. Many states successfully use tourism-related taxes to generate revenue while minimizing the financial impact on local residents.

The broader principle is straightforward: avoid taxing survival, and instead focus on discretionary spending and visitor-driven economic activity. By prioritizing those areas, communities can generate revenue while reducing the burden on working families and homeowners already facing high costs.

I appreciate your time and consideration as you evaluate options for responsible fiscal policy.

Vr,
Vince Lowery

SKP THAT@outlook.com

"I do not have the time", is not a statement of fact. It is a statement of your priorities.

Are we doing the right things? Are we doing them the right way?

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 3:24 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Ed Oberts

Your Email: edoberts@kw.com

Subject: School District Funding

Message:

Please don't fund the school district to the CAP.

The market place proves there are cheaper options. From private schools to home schooling parents are finding better options than enrolling in our local schools. The school district either needs to learn to compete and provide what parents want.

Ed Oberts
907-398-8039

From: Elizabeth Moundalexis deCastro <seawaterpup@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 4:42 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>FUND education to the cap

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PLEASE fund to the cap.

I have been an Alaskan resident for over 20 years. The disregard for the students in our communities which negativity affects our community as a whole is despicable and needs to stop. I have been writing and fighting for this year after year after year. Your disregard and disrespect for our students, their families, and the communities they live in needs to stop now.

As a mother, I have been part of year after year of staff layoffs, school uncertainty, and loss of staff/classes/extracurriculars in Seward schools. Amazing teachers have left our community. We are lacking in core classes and classes in the arts and music. The constant uncertainty places a strain on our family. What classes will be available? The consistent answer is LESS than the previous year. Are we losing our strongest teachers to states with more stability? Absolutely. Are our students suffering because of these uncertainties? Yes.

As a small business owner, I see that quality schools are a huge draw to our communities. People want to live in places that support their families with first-rate schools and activities. More people in the community means more opportunities for business and business growth for my business, our Borough, and the state.

I pay property tax and sales tax to the Borough through my business as well as owning a home and buying goods. I feel that my tax dollars are BEST spent on education. An educated community is healthier in many ways. Mentally healthy - as it provides opportunities for positive activities for the community. Safer - as it creates stronger interpersonal connections reducing crime. Skilled workforce - as it provides an adaptable workforce attracting businesses to the area. Stability - as well-educated communities contribute to stable, resilient communities over time.

Instead of focusing on my business and my family, I spend time going to meeting after meeting after meeting to talk about budgets. This is YOUR job not mine. You are elected and paid to do this in a way that supports your constituents. You should trust your constituents when they say that education is of utmost important to them. You should see the value that education gives to our communities. I should not have to bring you story after story or beg you letter after letter to do this. Do the right thing. Fund education to the maximum amount. I should not have to literally beg for the bare minimum of an education for my child or the children in my community.

Please address my concerns.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth deCastro
Seward resident

From: Andy Holland <ydna7@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 11:01 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Comment about education funding

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Hello,

I am currently unable to use my tax dollars to fund my children to go to CIA. I currently pay around 9k per year per child for a Christian private school. This is an enormous financial burden, but we see a huge value in it.

I am writing because it doesn't seem fair that I'm also paying borough property tax which includes public school funding. Therefore, I'm paying twice.

My suggestion is to allow a stipend to help with the costs of private school.

There is a growing trend away from public education that needs to be addressed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrew holland
Sterling, AK 99672

From: snowwizard <snowwizardak@proton.me>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 10:45 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School district funding

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To Whom It May Concern: My wife and I do not want to see funding to the cap for the school district. It is unsustainable, even if our taxes are increased. We want demonstrable changes made in school district budgeting, to reflect positive outcomes for the students. Thank you.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: Sonshine Konovalov <sonshinek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 11:43 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Budget 2026

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Hi I am writing you today to address the issue of the Budget. Although I Support Adequate KPB Funding of Education, Please Support the Mayors Budget. Taxpayers of the KPB simply can't afford to Fund to the CAP. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sonshine Konovalov

From: Corin Cooper <corincooper.98@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:55 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School District Funding

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Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding an upcoming financial decision. I am asking you to exercise fiscal restraint by controlling spending and choosing not to fund to the CAP. I am a father of 4 beautiful girls, and their education is a big concern of mine. But funding to the cap is irresponsible spending, and will only hurt your constituents, both present and future.

Thank you for your time and for considering my position on this matter.

Best regards,

Corin Cooper
Nikiski Alaska

From: Rose Hardesty <roselahatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:55 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>CAP

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Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

I have concern regarding a financial decision coming up. I am asking you to exercise fiscal restraint by controlling spending and choosing not to fund to the CAP.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

Rose LaHatt
Nikiski Alaska

From: Jocelyn Cox <mrsjocelyncox@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:46 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Spending

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Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

With upcoming spending decisions, please do not fund to the CAP. Overspending as a habit becomes a problem for many people individually. The government is no different. Money doesn't just come out of nowhere. Please be responsible adults and spend less than you make.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Cox
Nikiski Alaska

From: Breanna Cooper <bre.cooper907@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:44 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>CAP

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Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

I am writing to you today as a resident of Nikiski to express my concerns regarding the upcoming financial decisions facing the Borough. I respectfully ask that you exercise fiscal restraint by controlling overall spending and specifically choosing not to fund the Community Action Plan (CAP).

It is important that our local government prioritizes budgetary discipline at this time. I appreciate your dedication to our community and thank you for taking the time to consider my position on this matter.

Thanks for your time,
Breanna Cooper of Nikiski, Alaska

From: Miller Contracting <millercontracting@live.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:38 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Spending Cap

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Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding an upcoming financial decision. I am asking you to exercise fiscal restraint by controlling spending and choosing NOT to fund to the CAP.

Thank you for your time and for considering my position on this matter.

Best regards,

Travis Miller
Kasilof Alaska

Sent from my Galaxy

From: travis and christina miller <christytrav@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:37 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Spending cap

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Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

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Thank you for your time and for considering my position on this matter.

Best regards,

Christina Miller
Kasilof Alaska

Sent from my Galaxy

From: Donovan Smith <donovanms@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:31 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Concerns regarding School District Funding

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Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to "funding to the cap" for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the upcoming FY27 budget.

While education is important, consistently funding at the maximum legal limit is fiscally unsustainable for our taxpayers. I believe the Borough must prioritize more efficient spending and live within its means, rather than automatically hitting the funding ceiling. Continually increasing the local contribution puts an unfair burden on property owners and risks future tax hikes.

I urge the Assembly to seek a more balanced budget that reflects fiscal responsibility and protects the financial health of the entire Borough.

Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Donovan Smith

Kenai, AK

From: Lila Henderson <hendersonsblessed@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:27 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Please cut spending

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Dear Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding an upcoming financial decision. As a longtime Alaskan, born and raised on the Peninsula, I am asking you to exercise fiscal restraint by controlling spending and choosing not to fund to the CAP.

Thank you for your time and for considering my position on this matter.

Best regards,

**Lila Henderson
Nikiski Alaska**

From: Richard Cole <rtmdcole@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:24 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Budget

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Borough Assembly Members and Mayor,

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Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

**Misty Cole
Nikiski Alaska**

From: Ameye Carpenter <2ameye@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 1:07 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School District Funding

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Thank you for your time and for considering my position on this matter.

Best regards,

Ameye Carpenter
Nikiski Alaska

From: Lena Flensburg <flens.5@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2026 4:50 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP

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Please share with the Mayor and Assembly members-- Thank you!

Getting a good solid education is indeed important for our children's future but the continued battle to keep grabbing more money while we have less students and poorer outcomes is out of line. I support Mayor Pete Micciche's desire to keep education costs lower and to work and find other ways to cut costs. Do not fund to the CAP--Lena M Flensburg

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 5:05 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: FRANCES ANNETTE REESE

Your Email: annette_reese@hotmail.com

Subject: NO FUNDING TO CAP

Message:

(Please distribute to each KPB council member and the mayor's office.) I am adamantly opposed to funding to CAP for the Education dollars. The Borough can afford the curve, just stay on the curve. Sincerely, a Seward area KPB resident, Mrs. Annette Reese

From: Stephanie Haseltine <stephanie.haseltine@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 4:50 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Kenai Pool Closure

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Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing to address the Kenai pool. My family of seven recently purchased a home in Kenai. We are moving from a rural community in Southeast Alaska. We have been fortunate for many years to be a part of a swim club and have a pool. Unfortunately, due to structural issues, those days may come to an end. When we began looking for places to move, having a swim club and a pool was very important to our family. When we found a home so close to the pool we were very excited.

We have three simmers hoping to join the swim club/use the pool often with two more who will join when they are old enough. It is such a great sport. Most importantly though, I have wanted the kids to be strong swimmers. We make our living on the water. As commercial fishermen that participate in numerous fisheries, it is imperative that our children know how to swim. The first step is learning to swim. I was very pleased to see so many options for swim lessons offered. However, having my children out working on the boat, my peace of mind comes from being so strong and confident in the water from swim team.

Not only work, but we also spend time fishing for recreation on the ocean and in the river. Kenai offers great recreational opportunities we are excited to enjoy. It is so important for a community to preserve and support community programs that protect youth/teens.

Born and raised in southeast and working and playing on the water our entire life, we have experienced the tragedy of losing loved ones because of not having access to good water safety programs.

We are looking very much to our move and being part of the Kenai community. My entire family encourages you to make the right decision and keep the Kenai pool funded and open.

Thank you for your time,

Stephanie Haseltine

From: Richard <derkevrs@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 8:05 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Mayor Peter Micciche
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>DO NOT fund KPBSD to the cap

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

Assembly President Ryan Tunseth, Vice President Kelly Cooper, and Members Scott Griebel, Lenora Niesen, Sargeant Truesdell, Dale Eicher, Cindy Ecklund, Michael Hicks, and Willy Dunne,

I am writing to you as both a parent of children enrolled in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and as a landowner and taxpayer on the Kenai Peninsula. I am urging each of you to support the Mayor's proposed budget for the school district and to vote against any measure that would fund the district beyond that proposal, up to the funding cap.

I love this community and I want my children to receive a quality education. BUT I also need to be able to afford to continue living here. Property taxes are not an abstract number, they are the difference between families being able to afford to stay on the Peninsula or being forced out. The Mayor's proposed budget represents a responsible, measured approach to funding our schools. Funding the district to the cap goes further than necessary and places that additional burden squarely on the backs of land owners who are already stretched thin.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has had ample opportunity to make the difficult but necessary decisions required to live within its means, they have lost 2k kids from the district and 3k kids from brick and mortar schools over the last 20 years and have more schools open now than ever... If the Mayor's proposed funding level requires the district to make operational cuts and spending prioritizations, then that is exactly what district leadership should be doing. That is their job. It is not the Assembly's responsibility to shield the school board from accountability by maximizing the funding available to them.

Funding the district to the cap does not solve the underlying problem of a school board unwilling to make decisions. It simply rewards that avoidance while passing the cost to taxpayers. The Mayor's budget gives the district adequate resources while sending a clear message that fiscal discipline is expected.

I respectfully urge each of you to hold the line, support the Mayor's proposed budget, and vote against funding the school district to the cap.

Thank you,

Richard Derkevorkian

From: Lila Henderson <hendersonsblessed@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 6:38 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Please listen!

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Thank you,

Lila Henderson
Nikiski, AK

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Jamie Miller <jamiemiller15@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2026 7:28 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Budget proposal

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Good evening Borough Assembly,

My name is Jamie Miller and I'm a mother of 4 children here on the peninsula. All our children are currently enrolled in KPBSD brick and mortar schools, with one in Connections. I wanted to reach out in support of Mayor Micciche's budget proposal and think it would be a mistake for the borough to "fund to the cap". I've been attending board of ed. meetings and have heard again and again the need for more funding and to pressure the borough. I think encouraging this behavior by granting additional funding would be a mistake. Clayton Holland's goal for KPBSD schools is to prepare students for life outside the classroom. Why would we drop the logical conclusion for those managing the district? If they cannot take an honest look in the mirror and address the reasons that parents are pulling students from their schools, hence the massive loss in enrollment, then nothing will improve. It is irresponsible to keep schools with 40% capacity open. If we remove the consequence, those serving on the board of ed. will never learn this important lesson and future leadership in managing district schools will be grim.

Thank you for your time, Jamie Miller

March 30, 2026

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly Members,

I am asking you to please NOT FUND TO THE CAP.

I have watched spending increase over the years, and the school performance has declined. I want to see results before they get more money. Until we see improvement, DECREASE THEIR SPENDING.

DON'T FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely,

Margaret Phelps

March 30, 2026

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Sincerely,

Pascale Dilley
Joe C. Dilley
Harold J. Martin

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DON'T FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely,

Stanley Vogel
"Back To Basics"⁷¹

March 31, 2026

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly Members,

Please DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP.

Kenai Peninsula residents are already paying an incredible amount of money for our education system! They get all the sales tax, and I noticed in the assessment brochure this year, almost half of our property taxes! It is not sustainable for us to fund to the cap. Our taxes will soon be double!

DON'T FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Gagnon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'D'.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherie LaViolette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Cherie
LaViolette

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DON'T FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely, *Dwayne Clute*
Dwayne Clute

From: Rachel Allmendinger <rachel.allmendinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:35 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>fund to the cap - support communities

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Dear Assembly,

Thank you for serving our communities. I am writing to implore you to fund schools to the cap. As a parent of a current KPBSD student and soon to be KPBSD student, I am afraid that the continuous and purposeful defunding of our schools will lead to even more brain drain in our communities. Schools are the backbone of a community and if the borough does not take on it's role in funding, cuts will continue and families will leave. There is a high cost of living on the Peninsula, jobs in certain sectors are few or low paying, a home is astronomical. If the borough doesn't fund to the cap and support schools you can add poor schools to the list - schools without libraries, without programs for kids who are gifted or who need more academic support, shuttered pools and this is just what is under attack now - what other cuts will the future hold? Before long it won't be small cuts to classrooms, it will large cuts that leave our kids in huge classrooms with a rotating staff because retaining teachers becomes even more difficult in a atmosphere that puts school and communities last. KPB budgeting leads one to believe that it is purposefully shirking its duty to use property tax funds to fully fund schools. My property is assessed at \$500k and I'm wondering why my money is not being used to fund schools. And, if it is not used for schools, where is it going? The Borough says they have budget constraints, but the district has a larger staff and the district is making cuts left and right and has been for years. What cuts are the borough making? Additionally, the Borough is pointing at the district saying to close Paul Banks, for example, because the building has millions in deferred maintenance. So what will happen to the building? Will the need for maintenance just disappear if it is no longer a school? The mayor needs to think beyond the formula that shifts the weight of funding to the borough, and consider the long-term implications of choosing to actively defund schools. I implore you fight to fund to the cap.

April 1, 2026

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly Members,

Please, DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP.

Last year the people that testified for funding to the cap said that if the borough funded to the cap then, they would not ask to fund to the cap this year. Do we have a bunch of liars teaching our kids? Does keeping one's word mean nothing? Make them keep up to their promise!!

DON'T FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely, 

April 1, 2026

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly Members,

Please, DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP.

I think we may need to go back to the one-room schoolhouses in remote areas. These expensive buildings are not sustainable with our declining enrollment. The amount of money spent on brick and mortar schools is outrageous!

DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Riley

April 1, 2026

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly Members,

Please, DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP.

Our school system needs to cut its budget! I think the administration is overstaffed. The teachers are the ones who need to be supported, not the management. Changing curriculum every two to five years costs millions of dollars. You want to save a few million? Use the same books for 10 years or more like charter schools and private schools.

DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP !!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "New L. Petrucci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "N" and "P".

April 1, 2026

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Don Laver
Kevin Laver

April 1, 2026

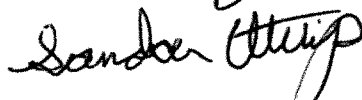
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Sandra ATNIP

Fred J Wiedman

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Sincerely, DONALD BOSTON

Donald Boston

Brandon McCawley

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~~Mark Hall~~
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Joseph Freely

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From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 12:28 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Joan Corr

Your Email: corrjoan@hotmail.com

Subject: DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP!

Message:

35000 Poppy Ridge Road
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
April 3, 2026

Re: DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP!

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly members:

I would like children who go to school here to have some examples of integrity. I remember clearly last year how so many of the people testifying said, if you fund to the cap this year, we won't ask to fund to the cap next year. These are not people of their word. They are asking to fund to the cap again this year! I don't care how deep in debt they are. The school district has been offered help to go through their budget and make it more workable. Help has been turned down. The school district has been given examples of ways to cut their spending, like quit buying curriculum every year. That would save millions of dollars. This funding to the cap is not sustainable. I don't want anyone's property taxes doubling, which is what will happen. It is not sustainable to keep funding to the cap. The mayor has tried to stay on a curve of reducing taxes, and working to make it conducive for our young people to stay here. So please, keep that curve up.

When I looked at the assessing brochure sent out with the assessment papers, I was shocked to see that, not only does the school get the sales tax, they also get about half of our property taxes! I had not noticed that before. This is ridiculous.

Why can we not go back to the one-room schoolhouses like Alaska and so much of the United States had at one time. I remember when Hope had 8 students back in the 70s. They had a 3 ½ million dollar school built! Ridiculous – an outrageous sum back then. If someone wants to live out wherever, there are correspondence courses, or like the community here on Kalifonsky Beach Road. The Territory told the residents if they built a school and found a teacher, the territory would provide to pay the teacher and books. Everything else was on the residents. So they built a log schoolhouse, and one of the homesteaders donated the land where Short Stop now sits. I'm sure there was an outhouse, not flush toilets. Inconceivable today.

Another thing that has been pointed out at school board meetings, that until they improve their curriculum and start teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the kids improve academically, we don't want to pour more money into a broken system, which is still teaching DEI and CRT. They have taken no steps to improve -- just buy more woke curriculum. Some kids are smart, but we have a lot of kids who can't read and can't sign their name to an application or driver's permit. I've got lots of more reasons, but I don't need to go on past one page.

Please, do not fund to the cap!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Joan Corr

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 1:01 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Tom Corr

Your Email: corrjoan@hotmail.com

Subject: DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP!

Message:

35000 Poppy Ridge Road
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
March 31, 2026

Re: DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP

To Mayor Micciche and Assemblymen:

When one makes a deal, one should stick with it. Last year the school district, or those testifying, promised if they were funded to the cap, they would not ask this year to be funded to the cap again. They are not sticking to their word. They need to keep their word, and also, live within their means like families are expected to.

Please, do not fund to the cap!

Sincerely,

Tom Corr

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2026 6:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jennifer DesErnia

Your Email: kirkandjenn_des@yahoo.com

Subject: Please fund education to the cap!

Message:

Hello, Assembly Members.

I am writing to request that you vote to fund KPBSD education to the cap. This request is especially important this year as our school district faces extreme budget challenges and our local middle school faces closure. Every single school year, departments are cut, schools lose positions, PTR increases, and programs lose funding. In Seward, each one of these losses has a significant impact in our schools and community. The school staff has been whittled down below the quick. There is nothing left to give. There is no fat to trim. If the school district is not funded by the Borough Assembly to the cap, Seward Middle School will close and we will lose more positions and programming in our 3 schools.

Our children are our greatest resources and we need to support them to the fullest, so they are set up for success by our school district. Please do not hobble an entire school district's children over politics. I hope that your vote reflects your full support of the Kenai Peninsula children by funding KPBSD to the cap.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jennifer DesErnia
Seward area Resident
907-491-0607

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2026 6:12 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jennifer DesErnia

Your Email: kirkandjenn_des@yahoo.com

Subject: Seward Middle School building

Message:

Hello, Assembly Members.

I am writing to promote a concept regarding the Seward Middle School building, if the school closure moves forward by KPBSD. It is my understanding that the building may be sold by Borough administration, but I think that is a mistake. I am requesting that the Borough Assembly not sell the building immediately, but rather enter into a lease arrangement for at least the next several years.

There is the strong possibility that the community of Seward could face some population changes in the near future, which could affect school enrollment. If we have sold the building of Seward Middle School, then we have fewer options for our students. I think it is wise to maintain ownership and perhaps lease it for several years, therefore you have the option to re-occupy if it is needed in the future. Otherwise, we would then have to spend more money to build another building and that would not be a wise use of taxpayers dollars when we have a perfectly useful building in our assets currently.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this concept,
Jennifer DesErnia
Seward area Resident
907-491-0607

From: Patty Bouton <blaze99712@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2026 2:00 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Mayor Peter Micciche
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Letters of Opposition to funding to the CAP
Attachments: Do Not Fund to the CAP-opposition file 1.pdf; Do Not Fund to the CAP-opposition file 2.pdf

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Mayor Micciche, and Borough Assembly:

The attached files are opposition letters from many people in Soldotna, requesting you do NOT fund Education to the CAP.

Education and KPB Assembly stated last year, that KPB would not fund to the CAP this year. Mayor Micciche explained how funding to the CAP every year is NOT sustainable and would not happen this year. Now Edu is requesting more money and requesting the Assembly again fund to the CAP.

Many of these people will not be able to attend the Assembly meeting on Tuesday, April 07 to offer their opinion on disagreeing with funding to the CAP.

I was asked to scan and forward these letters to Mayor Micciche, and the Borough Assembly.

I scanned into two separate files for ease and file size. If you have any questions, please contact me, Patricia Bouton at blaze99712@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your time in reading each of these letters and opinions. Thank you for confirming receipt of this email.

Warm wishes,

Patricia Bouton

From: Michele Hartline <hartlines@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 3:56 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Common Sense Funding

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Hi Michelle, could you please forward this to all the Assembly members? Thank you!

Dear Assembly members,

Hypothetically, if you owned your own business, and you hired an employee who confidently assured you they were qualified, hard working and in alignment with your company's goals and objectives, therefore deserving to be paid higher than peers in their field, but in time have actually failed to produce satisfactory results, would you then give them a raise? Or continue to overpay them for their poor work product?

Or Fire Them?

Common sense says "you're fired".

Common sense says **do NOT** fund to the cap.

Thank you,

Michele Hartline

Nikiski

Sent from my iPhone

Apr 10, 2026

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Sincerely,

Mary Sturman
Mary Sturman
Tom Wolfford
Tom Wolfford

From: Erica Fitzpatrick <ericabayes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2026 3:58 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Mayor Peter Micciche
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Please fund public education to the maximum allowable amount

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Dear Mayor Micciche and KPB Assembly,

I'm writing to urge you to fund public education to the maximum allowable amount. If school district is forced to cut programs, cut staff, and/ or close schools, our children's education will suffer. Our schools need stable multi-year funding they can count on. We're going to lose talented teachers and fail to attract new ones if we continue to underfund our schools.

My husband and I greatly value the education we received in this school district, and the education our 3 children have received/ are receiving here. In addition to academics, we greatly value the theater and music facilities and teachers, the swimming pool and staff, and school sports.

Some of us are fortunate enough to not struggle with poverty and to have strong extended family support as we raise our children. It is the less fortunate among us who suffer the most when public schools are underfunded. I worked at Chapman Elementary years ago, and for some of the students I met there, that school was their safe haven. At school, they got two meals/ day, they got fresh air and exercise, they got to socialize, and their brains got a break from screen time. They got access to speech therapy, occupational therapy, special education services, and caring, professional educators. Sure, I'd be saddened for my own children if schools close or services get cut, but I'm really worried about those kids whose parents are unable to fill the gaps, for whatever reason.

I hope you'll think of those children in disadvantaged situations-- those who are most gravely impacted when we underfund schools--when you consider school funding.

Thank you,
Erica Fitzpatrick

Apr 14, 2026

Dear Mayor Micciche and Assembly Members:

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Sincerely,

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Frank Goldthwaite

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Naomi A. Bowie

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Carol J. Cooper

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Allen D. Parker

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C H Gyllstedt

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From: Lila Lee Little <lilaleelittle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 5:20 AM
To: BoroughAssembly
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Parent Request: Protect Student Supports and Class Sizes

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Dear Borough Assembly Members,

Thank you for the time and effort you are putting into the district's budget and for continuing to advocate at the state level.

I am a parent of four students in our district, with kids at Paul Banks, West Homer, Homer Middle School, and Homer High School. I am an involved parent who gives both time and financial support to all four schools. I see firsthand the strength of the educational teams in our district. We are incredibly fortunate to have the staff we do.

My children represent a wide range of student needs. I have one child with an intensive needs IEP, one with a 504 plan for ADHD, and two children who do not receive accommodations. Because of that, I see how these decisions impact all students, from those needing significant support to those who are more independent.

I support your effort to be thoughtful about not fully funding to the cap in order to maintain local tax stability and continue pushing the legislature for long-term, sustainable funding. At the same time, I am asking you to consider a balanced approach by using approximately \$2 million in reserves to bring the education appropriation to \$66,685,024.

Without that support, the impacts will be felt quickly in our schools. Class sizes will increase. There will be fewer paraprofessionals and fewer intervention supports. The district will have less capacity to meet the needs of students, especially those who need the most support.

These changes are not abstract. They directly affect what happens in classrooms every day. Students receive less individual attention. Behavioral challenges increase when needs are not met. Inclusive opportunities become harder to sustain.

For students like my child with an intensive needs IEP, services are not optional. They are legally required. When staffing is reduced, it becomes much harder to deliver those services as written. That creates stress for staff, impacts students, and can lead to larger issues for the district over time.

I am also concerned about the proposed reductions to librarians and distance education. These are critical supports that serve many different types of learners. They help keep students engaged, support literacy, and provide flexible options for families.

With the recent decision to close four community schools, we are already facing the possibility of declining enrollment. Reducing access points like distance education and library services risks pushing more families to look outside the district. When families leave, it is very difficult to bring them back, and that loss affects future funding.

Using a portion of reserves in this way is not a long-term solution, but it is a necessary step to help stabilize our schools while larger funding issues are addressed at the state level. It allows the district to continue prioritizing direct support for students during a very challenging time.

I am asking you to consider funding at this level to help maintain the consistency and quality of education that our students deserve.

Thank you for your consideration,

Subject:

FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Reminder: We're in a Marketplace (Whether We Like It or Not)

From: Billeen Carlson <billeenc@gmail.com>

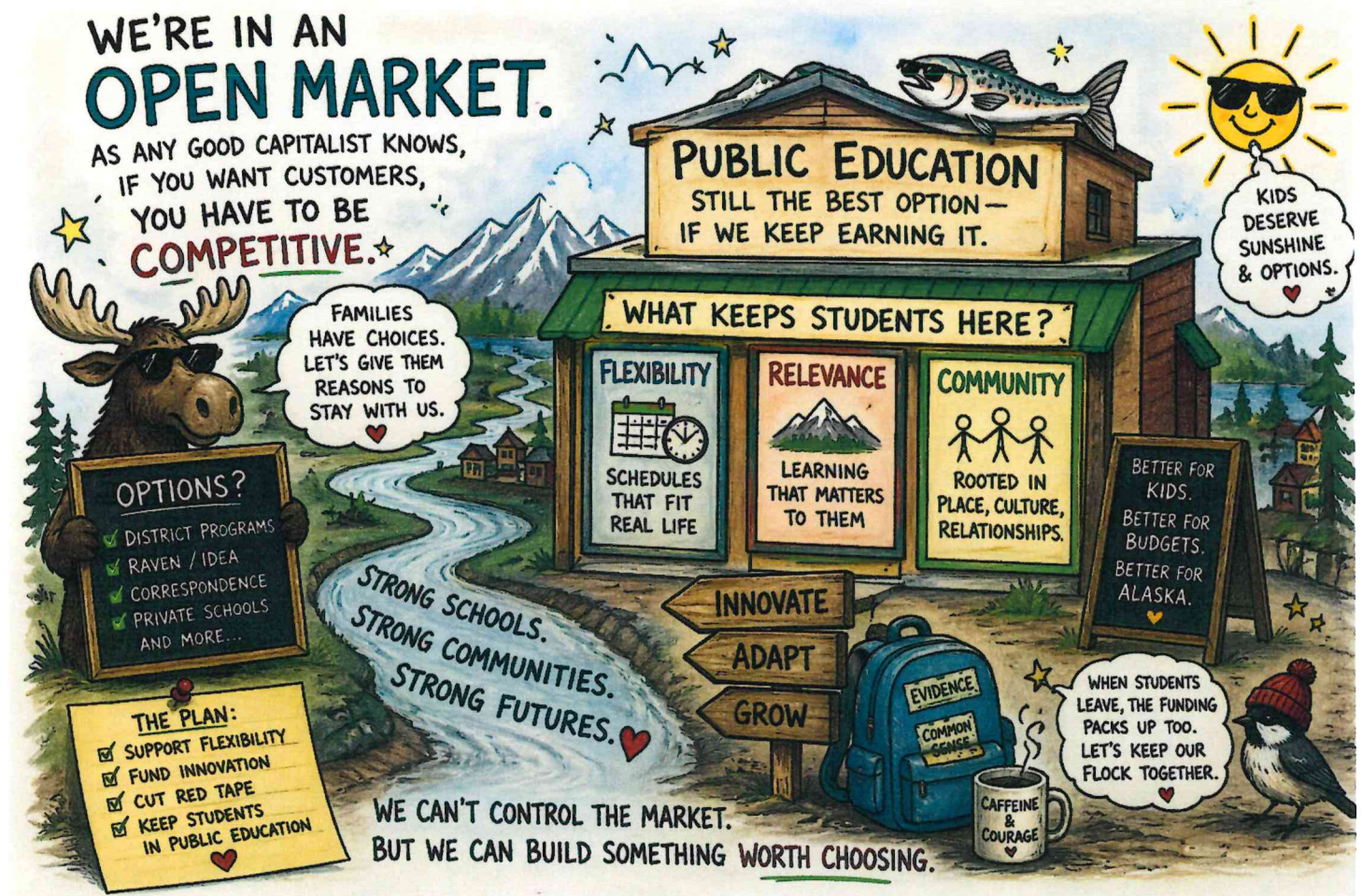
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2026 11:09 PM

To: boardofeducation@kpbsd.k12.ak.us; Senate.Education@akleg.gov; House.Education@akleg.gov;

G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>

Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Reminder: We're in a Marketplace (Whether We Like It or Not)

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Hi all,

I'm going to say the quiet part out loud—because at this point, it's not actually quiet (for some reason):

We are operating in an open market.

I know “marketplace” isn't always a comfortable word in public education, but families didn't ask our permission before acting like consumers. They already are.

And as any good capitalist (or Alaskan with common sense) knows:

If you want customers, you have to be competitive.

Right now, our “customers” are students and families who have options—lots of them. District programs, correspondence programs, statewide options like Raven and IDEA, private programs... and they're choosing based on what works for their lives.

Not what's most convenient for us.

 **What I Found (Yes, I Did My Homework)**

I went digging into national trends because I wanted to make sure this wasn't just a “vibes” take.

It's not.

Across the country, districts that are holding onto students—and even growing—are doing three things:

1. Flexibility

Not “sit in this chair from 8–3 or else.”

Actual flexibility:

- schedule
- pacing
- delivery

2. Relevance

Kids will do hard things. They will not do meaningless things.

3. Community Connection

Programs that reflect local values, relationships, and identity—not one-size-fits-all systems.

Wild concept, I know.

And here's the kicker:

This isn't some radical new philosophy. It's literally what our own standards already call for—real-world learning, inquiry, and connection to community, along with culturally grounded, place-based education.

So we don't have a *knowledge* problem.

We have an **implementation problem**.

The Part We Really Can't Ignore

When students leave, the funding leaves.

They don't send us a thank-you card on the way out. They just... go.

And here's the frustrating irony:

The students most likely to leave are often the exact students we're *best equipped to serve*—the ones who need flexibility, personalization, and real connection.

If we don't provide it, someone else will.

And they are.

The Slightly Awkward Truth

We already have the answer.

We're already doing this work:

- flexible learning structures
- one-on-one support
- scalable courses that don't burn out teachers

We have models where **one strong course can serve multiple schools** without sacrificing quality.

That's not just good for kids. That's good for budgets.

(Which I assume we still care about.)

What I'm Asking (Nothing Wild, I Promise)

I'm not asking you to burn the system down.

I'm asking you to help us **evolve it on purpose instead of watching it erode by accident.**

Specifically:

- Support flexibility in scheduling and attendance
 - Protect and fund scalable, high-quality digital/hybrid courses
 - Give districts room to innovate without getting tangled in compliance knots
 - Back models that keep students *in* public education instead of pushing them out
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I Brought Receipts

I'll link:

- My **Flexible Learning Network video**-

<https://youtu.be/9pcEpwCwq94?si=HxWsJaeyVfqA4UO>

- A **research folder** with the national data-

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SzAQ55An9jKwAn1Hvg3Ft5EKBK3dJ98Z>

(Yes, I'm that person. I came with evidence.)

Final Thought

This isn't about chasing trends.

This is about **keeping public education strong, relevant, and financially viable** in a world where families have choices.

We can either compete thoughtfully...

Or keep acting surprised when students leave.

I'd strongly prefer the first option.

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 4:39 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Heather Fernstrom

Your Email: fernstrom.heather@gmail.com

Subject: Fund our schools

Message:

Dear Assembly Members,

For many families, one of the most important factors in deciding what property to buy is proximity to the closest school. The day after my family and I closed on our new property in Kasilof, we found out the neighborhood school, Tustumena Elementary will be closing after this school year. I found out that instead of an 8 minute drive to school, my children now have a 24 minute drive to school; and if they take the bus, this would likely translate into an almost 60 minute ride to school.

The decision to close several of the schools in the KPBSD is alarming and extremely upsetting. We must keep neighborhood schools open; they serve as more than just a school in our small towns across Alaska; they are centers for the community.

Please do your part to uphold the state Constitution, which mandates that we maintain a system of public schools open to all children in the state. To force young children to ride nearly an hour bus ride each way just to reach the closest school is outrageous.

Additionally, I understand the KPB Board of Education recently suggested closing some of the school libraries as a cost-cutting measure. We must do better than this. If we have any hope to increase literacy outcomes for our youth, they must have regular access to libraries. Our most socio-economically disadvantaged families may not have the ability to visit public libraries, and so in closing school libraries, we are preventing our most vulnerable from accessing one of the best resources out there for improving literacy and cultivating the joy of reading.

We must increase funding allocated to our schools. Please fund to the CAP! We must continue to invest in our children, and our schools. Workforce development does not occur in a vacuum. The workforce relies on families, and families need to have access to strong public schools (in their neighborhood).

Thank you for your service,

Heather Fernstrom
Kasilof Resident

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 6:20 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Nancy Whitmore

Your Email: nancywhitmore@gmail.com

Subject: Please fund our pools

Message:

Dear Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

We are writing as parents, grandparents, and long-time Kenai Peninsula Borough residents, now residing in the Soldotna-area, to share our perspective on the importance of maintaining public pool access in our community—not only for today's families, but for generations to come.

When our children were growing up, access to well-run public pools played a meaningful role in their development. We watched their confidence grow with every lesson, every practice, and every hour spent in the water. What began as a basic life skill became a source of discipline, resilience, and self-assurance. Those facilities were more than just places to swim—they were places where our children learned perseverance, built friendships, and developed a lifelong appreciation for health and fitness.

Now, as grandparents, we want the same opportunities for our grandchildren. We want them to have access to safe, reliable, and well-maintained aquatic facilities where they can build confidence, learn critical water safety skills, and experience the same sense of growth and belonging that meant so much to our family.

With the school district stepping away from funding and operating these pools, we understand that responsibility must fall elsewhere. We strongly urge the Borough Assembly to step in and ensure these facilities remain open and accessible. Losing or reducing access would mean denying future generations the same opportunities that helped shape our own family's experience.

This issue is not only about recreation—it is about safety, community health, and the long-term vitality of the Kenai Peninsula. In a region surrounded by water, swimming is an essential life skill. Public pools provide a controlled environment where children and adults alike can learn and practice those skills safely.

We ask you to consider the long view. Investments in these facilities are investments in our children, our families, and the strength of our community. Please take decisive action to preserve and support public pool access so that our grandchildren—and all children in this Borough—can benefit as ours once did.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nancy and Craig Whitmore
Soldotna Area Residents

From: mary griswold <mgrt@xyz.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2026 5:08 PM
To: Tunseth, Ryan; Hicks, Michael; Dunne, William; Truesdell, Sargeant; Eicher, Dale; Ecklund, Cindy; Niesen, Lenora; Cooper, Kelly; Griebel, Scott
Cc: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>KPB school funding

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I urge the Assembly to fund the school district to the cap. We must keep pressure on the state to more equitably fund education but please let's not punish today's students while the issues get resolved. Self-righteousness is not in the best interest of our schools. We can afford more financial support now, even if it is not sustainable in the long term.

Thank you for your consideration.
Mary Griswold
Homer

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 8:08 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Marion Glaser

Your Email: marionglaser@gmail.com

Subject: Junk cars on Seward dump road

Message:

Dear Assembly,

I am writing to kindly request that the junk Subaru and junk RV that have been on the Seward dump road since last fall be removed. I spoke with Alaska Waste today and they said that these two vehicles were on borough property. I also spoke with the City of Seward police who said that I should contact the borough. These derelict vehicles are an eyesore and an environmental hazard. They detract from our beautiful town and tourism economy. I would like to attach photos, but this form doesn't have that option.

Also please return our recycling station to the Moose Pass transfer station. I currently drive to Seward (on the dump road) to recycle.

Also please fund education to the cap.

Thank you,
Marion Glaser

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2026 2:09 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jen

Your Email: jenr8tr2000@yahoo.com

Subject: Fund to the cap

Message:

Funding to the cap is the least you can do after the unnecessary chaos and turmoil you've caused with the school closures. The staff & students do NOT need to lose even more programs and opportunities. They are already dealing with entering classes twice the size they are used to, riding the bus for hours every day, losing their community, being forced into strange new settings with hundreds of people they don't know, and some even being forced to home school. Shame on KP.B.

From: ecklundc <ecklundc@pm.me>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 7:09 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: Fw: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> education funding to the cap

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Here's one I think you missed in your tally. Thanks!

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----- Original Message -----

On Thursday, 03/05/26 at 09:25 marshall@xyz.net wrote:

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Dear Mr. Griebel and Ms.Ecklund,

I am writing this email to ask you all to fund the upcoming school budget to the cap. Without funding to the cap by the Borough, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will have a gap of 7.5 million dollars. Funding to the cap will make up the deficit that the District presently faces.

I appreciate and support the concern that the State needs to make a strong commitment to funding education. Hoping that the Legislature will take action to do so but as you all are very aware the legislature will not set the budget until sometime in May, well after the District's preliminary budget presentation in March and a requirement to submit a balanced budget to the Assembly by May 1. As it stands presently, the Borough expects to get about \$4.2 million less from the state. This is due to the state's assessed value of Kenai Peninsula Borough property going up. That shifts some of the school funding burden to the Borough.

I believe that everyone would agree with the saying "children are our future." However, this statement is needs to be supported. Adequate funding of our children's future is very important. In order for the District to adhere to its mission statement "to develop productive, responsible citizens who are prepared to be successful in a dynamic world", education needs to be funded.

The same can be applied to the vision statement: “We envision KPBSD students who engage in their learning, participate in their community, reach high levels of achievement and graduated prepared for their future.” Education needs to be adequately funded, programs that engage students in their learning need to be financially supported and the high caliber of staff need to be retained (again funding).

The District’s guiding principles also require adequate funding: “Every student can learn and be successful. Every student is recognized as unique, valuable, and is treated with respect and dignity. Learning is a lifelong process. The educational environment is safe, engaging, and purposeful.”

My involvement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has been multifaceted. Starting as a parent volunteer at McNeil Canyon Elementary School when my daughter was in kindergarten through 5th grade and a parent member of McNeil Canyon Community Council; at West Homer Elementary as the Intensive Needs Teacher, 1998-2010; member of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District’s Autism Cadre and mentor for Intensive Needs Teachers, 2010-2016 for the Southern Kenai Peninsula schools. Starting with my daughter’s kindergarten class, I witnessed the pink slips of staff and the coming and going of vital educational programs. All of this funding driven! In spite of the tremendous impact this made on schools, staff, and programs, the KPBSD continued to deliver high quality education. Education needs to have stable funding. Funding to the cap shows a commitment by our Borough to fully support education.

I appreciate your work on the Assembly and ask that you fund to the cap. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Karen Murdock, M.Ed, BP Teacher of Excellence
A proud parent of a Homer High Graduate
55200 East End Road, PO Box 1622
Homer, AK 99603
299.2095

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 8:35 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kali Saxton-Shaw

Your Email: kingslandbay@gmail.com

Subject: 5/5 assembly meeting

Message:

I implore you to fund education to its cap for KPBSD. Education should be a top priority for the community, whether you have children in school or not. Helping kids succeed and supporting their education pays dividends down the road as these children/teens will soon be running our community, our workforce, and making the decisions that affect us all. Our kids deserve a bright future, which means supporting those who teach them, keeping class sizes smaller, and avoiding the budget cuts that further undermine our public schools, push people to choose homeschool (thus further diminishing our public schools depth.) Please consider all of this and vote to fund our schools to the cap.

From: Joel Williams <jkwilliams801@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 9:02 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Letter to the KPB

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Hello Madam Clerk,

I am writing to the Kenai Peninsula Borough to voice my concerns over the recent proposed borough budget. Specifically, I am concerned that the borough will not fund education to the cap. I believe Education is a core principle of our Borough (other than roads and waste management?) So why wouldn't we fund the cap? I've heard that there is a lot of pushback from citizens across the district about funding to the cap. I would question their ability to think ahead towards our future: Look at recent statistics about the KPB's population. It is alarming. Our average age in the Borough year-per-year is increasing at an alarming rate. Young families wont stay here, older families who have no vested interest in education are moving in. Please, board, I urge you to think rationally and plan accordingly when making the decision about whether to fund to the cap. Look at housing assessment data from the past 5 years. Notice, there was a massive spike in assessment 2 years ago, which is putting education funding more on the KPB's shoulders NOW MORE THAN EVER. This is the year we need one time funding for education, and the state will not provide it. If the KPB continues this trend, soon our schools will be empty, more young families will leave, and we will face an aging population crisis like no other.

Thank you,

Concerned taxpayer
JWilliams

From: Jan Bukac <jbukac@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 9:15 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the cap

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Hi,
I urge you to vote to fund our KPB schools to the cap. I am in support of funding KPB schools to the cap.

Thank you,

Jan Bukac
Seward Resident

From: Tara Craytor <taracray@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 9:37 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Seward Families need you to FUND to the Cap!

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May 3, 2026

Assembly Members and Borough Mayor,

Thank you for coming to Seward the Tuesday before last. I am one of the community members who testified on education funding at that meeting. Unfortunately I had to leave before assembly members were able to respond, my two youngest children were with me and it was approaching bed time. I want to assure you I have watched the rest of the meeting and was able to hear your responses and comments.

Many comments and responses against providing additional funding to Kenai Peninsula Borough School District centered around the school district needing to investigate why so many families in the district are leaving for homeschool or other options. I have asked Superintendent Holland this very question and know what he believes. However, as a parent with at least one child in each of Seward's schools, treasurer of the PTA, middle school parent representative on our Seward Site Based Council, and administrator of Sprouts Preschool, a licensed childcare center which operates inside Seward Elementary, I believe I have a more in-depth understanding as to why most families in Seward are making these decisions.

Superintendent Holland gives much of the credit to false worries presented on social media that children will be indoctrinated with "woke" political views and ideas. This happens to a degree in Seward, last year in our preschool we had a family that intended to homeschool this year when their child reached kindergarten age over these concerns. However, after being in our preschool within Seward elementary, they realized these fears were unfounded and decided to put their child in Seward Elementary's kindergarten. So obviously this does occur in Seward but it is far and wide the exception to why families are pulling out of brick and mortar.

The vast majority of families who are pulling their children, or who are considering pulling their children (as we are for our oldest son for one or two classes) are doing so because of lack of educational opportunities and lack of adequate supervision related DIRECTLY to budget cuts. I can say with complete confidence that over a third of homeschooling families in Seward would return to Seward schools if programming and supervision that has been lost due to budget cuts is returned to our schools.

One family pulled their two elementary age daughters after Seward lost its theater technician position last year and we thought we were losing our library aides. Others have gone to Connections to be able to pay for music lessons for their children because Seward Elementary no longer has a music teacher.

Many middle school families have pulled their children due to safety concerns because there simply are not enough staff members to be able to supervise students safely in the hallways during passing periods and during lunch time. Volunteers come daily to the middle school in order to supervise lunch so that teaching and support staff can have their half hour lunch and children can be supervised. This volunteer effort was

organized in response to the beating of a sixth grade girl in the locker room while being filmed by a group of 7th and 8th grade girls. That sixth grade girl went to homeschool two years ago after that event and several families followed suit. These are not bad kids, these are kids who did a terrible thing when there were not enough adults in the school building to ensure their supervision and safety.

This year high school families have seen their students be put into "study halls" where other classes are being taught. The only solution the school could find with the staffing they have available to solve the problem we faced last year. Last year with the cut of student success liaisons and library aides there was no staff available to supervise study hall students and with no other classes available for students to take students were required to take a home release. Not all students can go home so they would hide in the woods around the school or in friends' cars in the parking lot. This year my high school sophomore was in a study hall class in a classroom where the teacher was teaching precalculus. Not a conducive environment for studying for any student.

My sophomore is also in the sole geometry class offered at Seward High School, a class that is full. Approximately 14 students at Seward High School were unable to get into this geometry class, which they needed to graduate and advance in math, so they are taking geometry as a distance education course offered through KPBSD. This distance education program has been cut for next school year. If distance education through the district didn't fit within their schedule parents are paying for a correspondence geometry class or families have pulled their students out of school to teach them geometry through Connections. This will be the same situation next year as all the students in Geometry will move into Algebra 2, and it is true for science classes as well. My child will be a student who will need to take Algebra 2 through Connections because the class size last year was just too large for him to learn in Geometry and there is no longer a distance education program at KPBSD.

Seward families have not gone to homeschool because they disagree with what is being taught or how it is being taught. They are leaving the school buildings so their children learn geometry, so their children can have adequate supervision, so their children can learn art and music. Its not something the district just needs to "do differently", there is no money to do anything differently. But you can allocate the money. These are all things that YOU can vote to bring back into our school buildings for NEXT YEAR. Please fund to the cap. We will have a new Governor in November and the "Dunleavy Drain" will come to an end. Help us now. You can.

Thank you,

Tara Craytor
2000 Phoenix Road
Seward, AK
907.362.1555

From: Leanna Dafoe <leanna.dafoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 9:51 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Please fund education to the cap!

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To Whom it may concern,

PLEASE FUND EDUCATION TO THE CAP!

Sincerely,
Leanna Dafoe
Seward, AK

From: Kirk & Jenn DesErnia <kirkandjenn_des@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:28 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the cap!

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Hello,

I am writing to request that the KPB Assembly vote to fund education to the cap. Our Seward schools are suffering, being decimated over political gameplay about who's going to pay for what. Imagine being a child in our education system right now. They are being so wronged by the system of school funding and the budget cycles of different layers of governments. Each layer plays a game of chicken, waiting for the next layer to cough up more money. Meanwhile, programs get cut, schools get closed, library doors are locked, and the losers of the game are children who are students in our schools right now.

Do you remember all of the students who were celebrated or who spoke at the KPB assembly meeting last month in Seward? There were so many students who are achieving great accomplishments in academics and athletics. It was a clear demonstration of what kids are ready to do when we pour into them the resources they need to be successful. It was impressive, uplifting, and hopeful. If we give them what they need, they are ready to launch and take themselves to the next level. What we are doing with the proposed budget for next school year is absolutely hobbling them. It's unfair to do this to students who have so much more potential, but politicians are too busy doing political gameplay.

With the current state of our Seward schools, it feels like we are not living in a first world country. It's sad and embarrassing that we do not prioritize the education of our children. It is not a for-profit entity, so stop penny pinching like we're trying to be one! It costs a certain amount of money to open the doors of a school, turn the lights on, and produce a quality product for our future generations. Please give the KPBSD what they need to provide a quality education to their students by funding to the cap.

Thank you for reading,
Jennifer DesErnia
33783 Wolf Trail Lane Seward, AK 99664

From: Becky B <rbuchanan2023@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:20 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you

Becky Buchanan

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:27 AM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Kylor

Your Email: kylorschultz@gmail.com

Subject: school funding

Message:

I do not support funding schools to the cap.

From: Barbara Stirling <stirlingalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:41 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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Please fund fully to the cap for our schools.

Thank you
Barbara Stirling
Seward

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lori Draper <alaskaldraper@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:43 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>cecklund@kpb.us

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding Kenai Peninsula Schools to the cap. We need to support our students NOW and not play a game of chicken with the State of Alaska.
Do the right thing!
Lori Draper
Seward

From: Shoshannah Brasher <SBrasher@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:43 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the Cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I am a parent of KPBSD students and a teacher at Seward Middle/High School. I strongly support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Please do what is right for our kids.

Thank You,

Shoshannah Brasher

From: Lori Landstrom <lmlandstrom81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:44 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Cindy Ecklund
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>FUND to the cap

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Hello Assembly members,
Please fund the school district budget to the cap. I know some folks think the school district has done a poor job with their budget. But let's not punish our children, the future of our borough and state, with this judgement.

Fund to the cap.
and then we can figure out a sustainable way to fund our schools fairly in the future.

Thank you for listening.

Lori Landstrom, Seward

"Be the change you want to see in the world."

-Mahatma Gandhi

From: Karma Hibbetts <thekarma7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:49 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School Funding

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

Please accept this email as my public comment in support of funding to the cap to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Karma Hibbetts
907-362-0550

Sent from my iPhone
(Please excuse any spelling errors or typos)

From: Heather Bardarson <hbardarson@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:54 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Seward supports full funding!

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To the KPB Assembly,

We support funding to the cap to fully fund schools on the Kenai Peninsula! Our children deserve just as good of an education as we had!

Sincerely,

Leif and Heather Bardarson
Owners of Winter Raven Mechanical
Seward High School Alumni 2005 & 2004
Parents to Freja(13), Bjorn(11), and Elsa(10) Bardarson

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From: Sarah Brown <aksarahbrown@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:00 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Yes to Funding to the Cap!

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fund schools.

Thank you,

Sarah Brown
Seward, AK

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23+ 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: Daniel McRorie <daniel.a.mcrorie1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:02 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Cap funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Daniel McRorie

From: Stephanie Schilling <stephschilling22403@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:05 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fully Fund the School

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Dear Assembly, it's come to my attention that you will be voting concerning fully funding the school. I am a parent of three children who have attended and currently attend Seward High School. I cannot fathom why you wouldn't fully fund the schools here on the peninsula which in turn will force the district to close vital facilities. What is my property tax paying for then???? If you have collected the tax payer money then please use it for what it is intended for! I understand that there are many people who are unsatisfied with the way our school district appropriates the funds given to them by the state and local governments but there are far better ways to force the district to budget more affectively then to just not fund them. This tactic always hurts the students in the short and long term!!! Please dig deeper and work with all parties to solve this crisis! This will take time but in the meantime Please Fully Fund the Peninsula Schools! Thank you!

Stephanie Schilling
Concerned Peninsula Parent
Sent from my iPhone

From: Katy Journey <katy.journey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:13 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>FUND TO THE CAP

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Hello!

I am a longtime borough resident with two children at Seward Elementary School. I am respectfully requesting that the borough stop using my children—and all the others on the peninsula—as pawns in your political funding games. Our children should not be forced to suffer and go without having their basic needs met so that our political leaders can prove a point. Please find a different way to fix our funding formulas and procedures AND fund our schools to the cap. Every child deserves a quality education and library access and YOU have the ability to make that happen. Please do right by our children!

Thank you!

Katy Journey
907 491 0952

From: Marion Glaser <marionglaser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:24 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please find KPBSD schools to the cap!

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To the KPB Assembly,
I am a parent of two children who attend KPBSD schools. I am also a borough tax payer and business owner.
I support fully-funding schools to the cap!

Thank you,
Marion Glaser

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sadie Ulman <sadieulman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:24 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support funding the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Sadie Ulman

From: Justine Pechuzal <jpechuzal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:26 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the cap!

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Dear KPBSD representatives,

I am a parent of two children at Seward elementary school. We need all the funding available! Closing libraries, increasing teacher/student ratios, cutting English language learning and increasing sports fees is not an option. Please fund to the cap. It has been so hard to stomach all the cuts already- esp losing our gifted program and middle school.

Sincerely,
Justine Pechuzal

From: Marion Glaser <marionglaser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:26 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Cc: Brooke Estes
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please find KPDS D schools to the cap!

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May 4, 2026

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

Please fund education to the cap!

We are grateful for the KPB Code that designates all the sales tax collected in our borough from residents and visitors go to fund the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. We know the State of Alaska legislature has not done their part in funding our schools adequately. Our vote in the future can help to change that. We ask for your vote to fund up to the cap to do your part in continuing the work that is making a difference for our future, our students need you!

Thank you,

Marion Glaser

Moose Pass

Sent from my iPhone

From: Callie Bacon <callie.stark@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:35 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support School Funding to Cap

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Dear Assembly Members,

I am emailing to voice my support for funding our KPBSD schools to the cap for the upcoming school year. Services like libraries, sports, counseling and enrichment are critical to the development of our local youth. As a parent of children at Seward Elementary and as a local environmental educator who works with KPBSD students, I see the important role these services play first-hand.

I urge you to vote to fully fund our KPBSD schools.

Thank you,

Callie

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Callie Bacon
(907) 491-0863
callie.stark@gmail.com

From: Fiona North <fionaknorth@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:35 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please Fully Fund Our Schools!

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Dear KPB Assembly,

I am a Seward parent, and support funding to the cap in order to fully fund KPBSD schools.

Thank you,
Fiona North

From: Sharon Kim <sharkim1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:46 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>funding to the cap for education

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To the Borough Assembly,

I have lived in Seward, Alaska for the past 14 years and feel strongly that the borough **should fund education to the cap.**

We are losing people who are leaving with their families to go to better school districts or even out of state because of our decline in education quality. We must combat this. Children in the Kenai Peninsula Borough are our investments for the future.

Please fund education to the cap!

Sincerely,
Hyunjung Sharon Kim
12333 Big Bear Circle / PO Box 21
Seward, AK 99664

From: Traci Baumgardner <tlb727@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:51 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>IN SUPPORT of KPB funding education to the Cap

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Hello!

I am a very concerned parent writing today to voice my very strong support for the KPB to fund education to the cap. My son goes to Seward High School and every year since he was in Kindergarten, budgets get cut, we lose teachers and kids lose out on educational opportunities because of underfunding. I am recommending to the members of the borough to FULLY fund education to the CAP.

Thank you from a concerned citizen and parent of a KPBSD student,
Traci Baumgardner
14593 Rainforest Circle
Seward, AK 99664
907-491-1534

From: Mark Dalpes <markdalpes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:55 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Urgent, past due: please fully fund our students and schools.

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To Kenai Peninsula Bureau assembly members,

I would like to voice my vote in support of fully funding our students, schools, education and communities. Our future successes depend on the power of our younger generations ability to learn, grow, innovate, create and inspire.

-Mark Dalpes
Seward Resident

From: Jean Bardarson <jeanbardarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:03 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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I fully support funding to the cap for the borough schools.

Jean Bardarson

From: Jennifer Elhard <jennak907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:05 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Fund Schools, Support Families

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

Do you want families to live here or not?

Because decisions like this push them out.

Cutting school funding is not a solution. It is a step backward for our community. I understand budgets are tight, but removing core supports from schools is not how you build a place where families stay, grow, and invest.

Libraries are essential. Yes, the internet exists, but that is not a replacement. Not all kids have equal access, and more screen time is not what our children need. We are already seeing the effects of that in rising mental health struggles. Schools should be a place that offers balance, support, and real human connection.

I am especially concerned about increased sports fees. While it may seem reasonable to ask families to contribute, that approach leaves out the kids who cannot afford it. Those are often the kids who need it most. Sports provide structure, confidence, physical health, and a reason to stay engaged. Taking that away increases the risk of isolation, poor health, and lack of motivation.

These cuts don't just reduce services. They change outcomes for kids.

If you want strong communities, you fund the systems that support them. Schools are at the center of that.

Please fully fund our schools.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Elhard

From: maria strickland <mooria81@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:07 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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"To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Maria Strickland

Sent from my iPhone

From: Rebekah Banse <bekah.banse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:25 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the Cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

Please fund to the cap to fully support our schools! Education is an investment in our future that we cannot afford to neglect.

Kind regards,
Bekah Banse

From: Virginia Morgan <tommyginny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:47 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please fund education to the cap

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Please forward to all assembly members. Thank you!

Dear Assembly members,

I am writing today to request that you please fund KPBSD to the cap for this coming school year. The State of Alaska has not been funding education adequately, and I recognize that this year an unfair burden has been laid on the borough and our residents, because the property values here have risen. This is something that needs to be addressed at the state level, but meanwhile our children, families, and communities should not suffer the consequences of decreased funding while we wait for that to happen. Our children are such an important part of our borough's future and their time as children is short. Our borough residents will benefit from this investment, whether they have children or not. In the long run it finances itself in the sense that the cost of keeping our schools running is nothing compared to the income it generates in the communities because people stay there. Please fund KPBSD to the cap this year.

Thank you,
Virginia Morgan
Cooper Landing, AK

From: Vanessa Verhey <v_verhey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> KPBSD Funding

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Hello KPB Assembly,

I beg of you to fully fund our schools to the cap! I support our student's education and the funds needed to have libraries and affordable athletics.

Thank you for your time,

Vanessa Verhey
310 2nd Ave.
Seward, AK
907.362.3102

From: Brittany Swanson <bswanson603@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:16 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>I Support Funding To The Cap!

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Dear KBP Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools!

Thank you,
Brittany Swanson

From: Sean Ulman <seanulman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:38 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>i support funding to the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

It is worrisome to hear that school libraries may close.

Our kids love Library day where they return their book and check out a new one. Both of them are working on completing book series.

Thank you,

Sean Ulman

From: Brooke Estes <BEstes@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:08 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please Fund education to the cap!
Attachments: S37 Store R26050414010.pdf

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Moose Pass School-KPBSD
In district: 37-3702
Out: 907-288-3183

Po Box 46
31810 Depot Road
Moose Pass Alaska, 99631

-----Original Message-----

From: bizhub@kpbsd.k12.ak.us <bizhub@kpbsd.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:01 PM
To: Brooke Estes <BEstes@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Subject: Message from 37 Store Room 360

Moose Pass School

May 4, 2026

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

Please fund education to the cap!

We are grateful for the KPB Code that designates all the sales tax collected in our borough from residents and visitors go to fund the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. We know the State of Alaska legislature has not done their part in funding our schools adequately. Our vote in the future can help to change that. We ask for your vote to fund up to the cap to do your part in continuing the work that is making a difference for our future, our students need you!

Thank you,

Moose Pass Community

Sandra Barron

Laura Johnson

Bob Etnier

From: Madison Raines <madisonraines4904@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:10 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Madison Smith
Seward schools Parent

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Mike Cooney <mdcforestry@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:18 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund Public Schools to The Cap

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Please fund KPB public schools to the cap.

Thank You,

Mike Cooney
P.o. box 169
Moose Pass, Alaska 99631
Sent from my iPhone

From: Patricia Linville <patricialinville3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:31 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support for Funding to the Cap

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It's time the Kenai Peninsula fully funds our schools. I support funding to the cap. It's also time to levy taxes on individuals, businesses and corporations within the borough to pay for the education of our children and insure that they are well equipped for the future.

Sincerely,
Patricia Linville

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Patricia Linville
PO Box 1753
Seward, AK 99664
907-205-7459 cell

From: Grace Williams <gracemiller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:30 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the Cap
Attachments: Fund to the Cap.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please forward the attached letter of support to the assembly members.

Thank you,

Grace Williams
Seward, Alaska
Sent from [Outlook](#)

May 4, 2026

KPB Assembly Members,

Please fund education to the cap!

We are grateful for the KPB code that designates all the sales tax collected in our borough from residents and visitors go to fund the KPBSD. We know the State of Alaska legislature has not done their part in funding our schools adequately. Our vote in the future can help to change that.

We ask you to vote to fund to the cap to do your part in continuing the work that is making a difference for our future, the students need you!

Thank you,

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Jaqueline J. Pipi-Marshall
Jaqueline J. Pipi-Marshall

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May 4, 2026

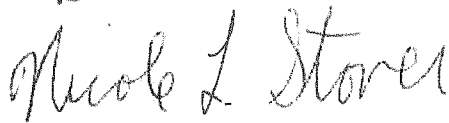
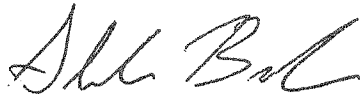

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May 4, 2026

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Thank you,

Loree Honneman

Mattie

Jessica Stallard

May 4, 2026

KPB Assembly Members,

Please fund education to the cap!

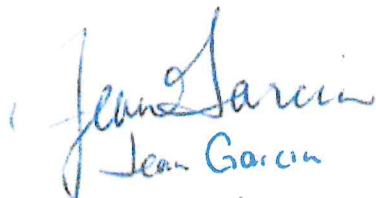
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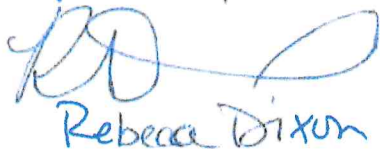
Thank you,



Vashua Girard



Jean Garcia
Jean Garcia



Rebecca Dixon

May 4, 2026

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Thank you,

Lizzy Sutphin
J. R. Light - Julie Watkinson
Laura Hoskins
Cory Cope
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May 4, 2026

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Thank you,





Alexis Urvein

Grace Schaefermeyer



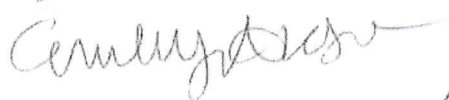
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Grace E. Williams



Laura Banford

Katelynn Reed

Isaac LeBlanc

Myra Digger

Emerson Cross

Lane Petersen

Otto Trip

From: Basil Dougherty <basilrobyn99664@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:39 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,

Basil Dougherty

From: Lynda A Paquette (Lynda A LAMP) <lampinalaska@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:41 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund education to the cap, please!

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. A lack of education is how this country came to be in the mess
It's in right now. Closing libraries is absolutely unacceptable!
Thank you,
Lynda A. Paquette

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:42 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Denise Williamson

Your Email: chris.denise.williamson@gmail.com

Subject: school funding

Message:

I do not support giving full monetary support to schools.

From: Brittany Hillson <brittanyhillson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:42 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,

Brittany Hillson

From: Chelsea <irockwellschool@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:44 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>KPB Assembly - School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Im not even sure why this subject matter is even up for a debate. These are our children and our future. Its bad enough our special needs children are cut egregiously short of resources they are technically entitled to and now people want to strip the public schools? Its ridiculous that its coming to a point that homeschool are recieving more support than our public education system.

Thank you,

A very concerned parent- Chelsea K.

From: Billy <bjwolfe109@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:51 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding to Cap - Support

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools. As someone who grew up here and attended KPBSD schools, having affordable access to sports and access to our school Library and other programs was a major component to my success and we would be doing a disservice to our children if we do not fund them. Communities like Seward are already feeling the impact over decreased funding by having the middle school shutdown at the end of the school year. Please vote to fund to the cap so that our community and it's children do not have to loose out on access to anymore.

Sincerely,

Billy Wolfe
Seward Resident

From: Mary <kittiwake86@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:54 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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We support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you, Warren and Mary Huss
Seward

From: Micheley Kowalski <micheleykowalski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:57 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please Fully Fund Our Schools

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To the KPB Assembly-

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Sincerely,
Micheley Kowalski
Seward, Alaska

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:55 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: George Daniels

Your Email: gdaniels@gmail.com

Subject: DO NOT FUND TO THE CAP

Message:

Folks, myself and everyone I know do NOT want you to fund to the cap. I'm aware that she who shall not be named has been asking Seward school folks to send emails in, but do NOT be pressured. They are not the majority.

From: Jesse <jlabenski10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:58 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund education to the cap!

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To the KPB assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. As a parent of two children who attend Moose Pass and Seward schools I support providing them and all other school kids the opportunity to thrive and learn. Schools are the building blocks for success in life, why do we keep stripping away programs and opportunities. My son was supposed to be entering Seward Middle school next year, but it's closing. Moose Pass school gets threatened to shut down as well. Lets do better, or we're going to continue to see an out migration of our families.

Sincerely,

Jesse Labenski
Sent from my iPhone

From: Debbie Van Tassel <alaska99755@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:01 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I DO NOT support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Until academic improvement is achieved, and NAEP results improve and there is proof that the schools are utilizing funds in the best way possible, they should not receive further funding.

They need to get back to basics, reading, writing, arithmetic, respect and responsibility.
Thank you,
Debbie Van Tassel
Seward, AK

From: Sophie <sagnew6414@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:10 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding Vote

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. As a Seward resident, I know every child should have access to free, quality, public education which cannot happen if schools are underfunded. School libraries, low class ratios, and accessible extra curricular activities are critical for the success of students, both in public schools and homeschooled.

Thank you,
Sophie Agnew

From: Shane Pierced <piercedshane79@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:14 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support school funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you

From: Tara Craytor <taracray@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:20 PM
To: Turner, Michele; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Seward Elementary School Staff and parents want KPB to fund to the CAP!

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Please find a list of signatures on Seward Elementary School's letter attached asking the borough assembly to fund to the cap.

Signed names are:

Christy Phillips
Dustin Phillips
Nikole Lyon
Jennifer Haugh
Stephanie Mullaly
Alexis Kaferstein
Sue Pfiefenberger
Elizabeth Jones
Clay Olsen
Radostina Radoslavova
Tina Faulkner
Keri Russell
Marsha Lonabaugh
Jason Brown
Emily Bena
Erin Flowers
Kathleen Davis
Kim Stewart
SaraJayne Minden
Monika Banic
Tara Swanson
Crystal Dean
Jessica Bamford
Samara Byrnes
Abby Webb
Matthew Cook
Eva Sanchez
Marissa Amore Henga
Carrie Lunardi

May 4, 2026

KPB Assembly Members,

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Thank you,

Christy Phillips	Maude Donnelly	Smara Boman
Dan	Alex	Smara Boman
Michelle Ayon	Trish Bon	Wendy Weiss
Janet B. Haug	Carla Flowers	M. J. Lee
Stephan Alueg	Alex	
Akott	J. J. Jansen	
Jon Deuk	Kathleen Davis	
M. M. H.		
P. K. J.		
Jim J.	Monika Barie	
L. M. J.	Tammy Grand	
Elizabeth J.	J. J.	
Kari Russell	Crystal D.	
	J. J.	

Tara Craytor

From: Stephanie Wright <moosepasscampground@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:20 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Stephanie Wright

From: Anna Pullins <annapullins@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:23 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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Thank you,
Anna Pullins

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lavina Dickinson <lavina.dickinson@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:26 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Request to Fund Education to the cap

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May 3, 2026

Dear Ms. Turner,

I am writing to respectfully urge the Kenai Peninsula Borough to fund education to the maximum allowable cap. The future of our community rests in the hands of the children who live and grow here, and there is no greater responsibility we hold as a Borough – nor a more powerful statement of our values – than to invest fully and unapologetically in their education.

Our children must be the Kenai Peninsula Borough's number one priority. Not in word alone, but in action, in budget line items, and in the choices we make at every level of local government. When we fund education to the cap, we send an unmistakable message to every family in this Borough: your children matter, their futures matter, and this community is committed to giving them every possible advantage. A thriving, well-educated generation is not an expense – it is the most sound and enduring investment we can make in the health and prosperity of the Kenai Peninsula.

We are all too familiar with the reality that the State of Alaska has not always stepped up to meet its obligations to our schools. When the State fails to provide adequate funding – when it falls short of its duty to Alaska's children – it falls upon us as citizens, as neighbors, and as community members to close that gap. We cannot allow our children's education to suffer because decisions made in Juneau do not reflect the needs and priorities of the Kenai Peninsula. It is our responsibility – as a Borough and as a community – to ensure that our own children are properly educated, regardless of what the State does or does not provide. To do anything less is to abandon the very generation we are duty-bound to protect and support.

Funding education to the cap is not a partisan issue. It is an issue of whether we, as residents of the Kenai Peninsula, choose to prioritize the children in our midst or allow budgetary convenience to determine their futures. I urge the Borough to demonstrate through this budget that our children truly are our number one priority.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
Lavina Dickinson

PO Box 1981
Seward, AK 99664
(907)599-0534/ lavina.dickinson@me.com

From: Emilee Sawyer <sawyer.emilee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:30 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding schools to the cap

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To whom it may concern:

I am a parent of 3 kids in Seward. My kids went all years to seward elementary and as funding has been cut and staffing has been limited at the middle school level, I have pulled my oldest into homeschooling.

The funding situation is becoming unbearable for children, teachers and parents. There should be no excuse to not fund schools to the cap. The children in the school system now are our future! They will be our doctors, our legislators, and our future leaders. Why are we neglecting their early education?! I'm lucky enough to pull my kids and homeschool to give them more opportunities and better courses, but so many parents don't have that option. They are forced to work full time and are in a place of needing double income to just make ends meet in Seward. It is getting unbelievably expensive to even keep food on the table, and I'm becoming increasingly torn on putting my kids back into school full time just so I can work to pay all the bills.

PLEASE, do not take more from the schools! We cannot have schools without libraries and we cannot afford higher fees for sports!! It's too high now! If we don't get schools funded to the cap, we are neglecting and robbing our children!

Please, please, please, listen to our voices, and put the funding where it belongs.
Thank you for reading this. I pray you do what you know is right.

~Emilee Sawyer~

From: Emily Martis <emilyamartis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:35 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Emily Martis

Emily Martis
emilyamartis@gmail.com | [916.715.1800](tel:916.715.1800)

From: Dan Walker <dlwalker3333@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:36 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School district funding

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Dear Borough Assembly,
Let's take care of our kids. Fund the schools to the cap. You have the money, and we have a funding crisis in schools.
Dan

Dan Walker
<https://dlwalkerak.com/>

From: Monika Banic <monika_banic@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:39 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund Schools To the Cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools.

I support doing what is best for our students, our children. I support our teachers, aides, and all school personnel. I support healthy, safe, functioning learning environments. I support thinking long term for our kids, not short term.

I support funding our schools to the cap.

Thank you,
Monika Banic
Seward

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:41 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Jennifer Boyle

Your Email: jendboyle@gmail.com

Subject: Please Fund KPBSD to the Cap

Message:

Dear Mayor Micciche and Members of the Borough Assembly,

Thank you for the time and care you are putting into the borough budget. I am writing to respectfully urge the Assembly to fund the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to the maximum allowable local contribution cap for the coming fiscal year.

I understand that there are real concerns about the long-term sustainability of school funding, and I understand the frustration many people feel with the current system. I do not believe the Borough should be expected to solve the State's education funding problem indefinitely. But I do believe that, for this year, fully funding KPBSD is necessary to stabilize what is currently in place while a better long-term plan is developed.

Without strong public schools, the Kenai Peninsula will struggle to attract and retain families who are educated, involved, and contributing members of our communities. I run a small business, pay taxes, participate in local organizations, volunteer, and genuinely love living in Moose Pass. This is my home, and I want it to remain my home.

But I also have a child in the school district, and increasingly it feels like I am being asked to trade my child's education and future opportunities for the privilege of living and working in Alaska. That is a painful position for families to be in. At times, I find myself wondering whether I am being selfish by choosing to stay in a place I love if that choice means accepting fewer educational opportunities for my child.

I know some people argue that we should not continue funding a broken system. I understand that concern. But refusing to fully fund the system we currently have, without a clear and accessible alternative for today's students and working families, does not fix the problem. It simply leaves the students who are in our schools right now with fewer resources, fewer opportunities, and a weaker education.

These students do not get to wait for a perfect system. They are in school now. Their class sizes, programs, teachers, librarians, and opportunities matter now.

I urge the Assembly to fund KPBSD to the cap this year as a stabilization measure, while also continuing to advocate strongly for a sustainable long-term solution at the state level. Fully funding our schools is not just an educational issue. It is an economic development issue, a workforce issue, and a community survival issue.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

From: Jennifer Boyle <jendboyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:40 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Public Comment for May 5 Budget Meeting: Please Fund KPBSD to the Cap
Attachments: Public Comment for May 5 Budget Meeting.pdf

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Dear Assembly Clerk,

Please forward the following public comment to all Assembly Members and include it in the public record for the May 5, 2026 Borough Assembly budget meeting.

I have pasted the comment below and also attached it as a PDF for convenience.

Thank you,
Jennifer Boyle
Moose Pass, AK

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Boyle
Moose Pass, AK

From: Tyler Pelo <tylerpelo308@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:44 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>school funding

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Dear KPB assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,

Tyler Pelo
P.O.Box 2473
Seward Alaska 99664
907-422-7043

From: JohnLars Lindberg <johnlars.lindberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 3:52 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,

Lars Lindberg
Seward resident and father

From: monicahinders@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Please fund to the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Monica R. Hinders

From: Lisa Rininger <lisajorininger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:04 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fully Support Schools

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I oppose any action that would close school libraries, increase pupil to teacher ratios, eliminate English language learning, and increase school sports fees. Schools must be fully funded. I strongly oppose any action that will cause these things to happen and will not vote for anyone who are a part of letting this happen. I appreciate your support.

Lisa Rininger
PO Box 548
Seward, AK 99664

907-224-5918
lisajorininger@gmail.com

From: Jenny Ennis <jbeth_14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:07 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding cap

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you, Jenny Ennis

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From: Stoney Creek Inn (WordPress/Titan) <stay@stoneycreekinn.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:07 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School cap funding

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To the KPB Assembly, I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools! Kent Rininger

From: Elizabeth Weisiger <elizabethwcounseling@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:10 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Borough Assembly - School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Weisiger

Elizabeth G. Weisiger, MA
Clinical Mental Health Counselor
Trauma-Informed | Client-Centered | Strengths-Based
M.A. Clinical Counseling | The Citadel Graduate College of Psychology
B.S. Neuroscience & Psychology | Virginia Tech
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From: Aundre Turner <port2port357@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:15 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I strongly support funding our schools to the maximum allowable cap to ensure they have the resources necessary to provide a high-quality education for every student. Investing fully in our education system is an investment in our children's future, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to succeed. Our priority should remain firmly on supporting educators and creating an environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

Sincerely,
Aundre Turner

Resident Of Seward

From: Sarah Donahue <sarah.donahue93@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:24 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>KPB Cap School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Sarah Donahue

From: Cj <rgrcj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:25 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I want to express my strong support for funding KPB schools to the cap. It seems that every year our schools take a bigger and bigger hit. Teachers have larger classrooms. Students have less teacher attention. Programs get slashed. Schools get eliminated. All of this leads to an exodus from our communities.

There's nothing more important than education, public education.

My daughter attended KPBSD schools back when they were a little better off than today. After graduating 10 years ago, she was able to complete a bachelors and masters program from which grew a productive career. We need to ensure that this is an option for our students today as well.

Please be certain to fund to the cap this year.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Carol Jane Rea
(kpb tax payer with no current student in school but a wish to see future generations thrive).

From: Jilian Chapman <jilianc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:25 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support Funding Schools to the Cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I am writing to strongly support funding our schools to the cap.

This is not simply an expense - it is a long-term investment in our community, our workforce, and our future. When we choose to fully fund education, we are choosing stability, opportunity, and stronger outcomes for our children and our region as a whole.

School libraries are a cornerstone of that investment. They do far more than house books. They foster curiosity, literacy, critical thinking, and a lifelong love of learning. Eliminating libraries sends the wrong message to our students: that reading and learning are optional rather than essential. It is difficult to imagine a school system that truly supports student success without libraries as an integral component.

Athletics are equally important. School sports provide structure, teamwork, mentorship, and a sense of belonging. When funding gaps shift the burden to families through increased fees, participation becomes limited to those who can afford it. That undermines equity and denies many students the chance to grow, connect, and thrive. Supporting school sports ensures all students—not just a select few - can be part of the experience.

Funding to the cap is a decision about values. It reflects whether we are willing to invest in accessible, well-rounded education for every student in our district.

I urge you to fully fund our schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jilian Chapman
Seward parent and life-long resident

From: Amanda Broyden <abroyden77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:30 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: cieklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Please don't cut any more programs or positions. We need our libraries, librarians (or aides, since we don't have an actual librarian).
We already do not have art, music, or a gifted program.

Thank you
Mandy Broyden (a parent and human who lives in the borough)

From: Janet Shipton <janet.shipton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:36 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>KPB School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,

I do not have children in the KPB school system, but I support funding to the cap to fully fund our schools. Children are our future.

Sincerely,
Janet Shipton
Moose Pass, AK

From: Kim Kowalski-Rogers <kimkr_ak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:52 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding

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To the KPB assembly
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools

THANK YOU
Kim Kowalski-Rogers

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From: dstruif1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 4:55 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School fund

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I do NOT support funding the the cap to fully fund the school
Thank you
David Struif
Seward

From: Melissa Houselog <mellie_g_03@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 1:03 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Cap

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KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Melissa Houselog

From: Barbara Stirling <stirlingalaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:41 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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Please fund fully to the cap for our schools.

Thank you
Barbara Stirling
Seward

Sent from my iPhone

From: Heather Bardarson <hbardarson@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:54 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Seward supports full funding!

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To the KPB Assembly,

We support funding to the cap to fully fund schools on the Kenai Peninsula! Our children deserve just as good of an education as we had!

Sincerely,

Leif and Heather Bardarson
Owners of Winter Raven Mechanical
Seward High School Alumni 2005 & 2004
Parents to Freja(13), Bjorn(11), and Elsa(10) Bardarson

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From: Irene <icransom3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:03 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thak you,
Irene Ransom

From: Beth Jones <alaskateacher1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:28 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Jones

From: Geri Nipp <gerinipp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:30 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: cecklund@pb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding to the Cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Schools are an important part of our future, and they need funding to continue operating at a very basic level.

Please vote to fund to the cap!

Geri Nipp
907-362-1682

From: Hunter Strickland <hunter.strickland13@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:35 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Hey mister

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If you like shut down my schools funding I'm bout to crash out and start spreading misinformation

From: Jessica Bamford <fredricksonjessi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:40 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund education to the cap!

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Our students deserve fully staffed schools and well-rounded educations.

Thank you,
Jessica Bamford
Seward

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From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@kpb.us>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:41 PM
To: BoroughAssembly; Mayor's Department
Cc: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Maya Moriarty

Your Email: mbenavente@yahoo.com

Subject: School funding

Message:

I support funding to the cap. Seward schools are already bare bones for class selection, teachers, and extra curriculars. Those who can afford to either supplement with distance classes or transfer into homeschooling or other distance curriculum.

From: Kyle Schneider <kylelschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:51 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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To the members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I support funding schools to the maximum amount allowable by law. If the Mayor vetoes funding to the maximum amount allowable, I encourage you to overturn that veto.

Thank you for your service.

Regards,
Kyle Schneider
PO Box 2995 - Homer, AK 99603
kylelschneider@gmail.com
(773) 620-3833

From: Jan Bukac <jbukac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:58 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding Schools to the Cap

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To the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly,

I am a strong supporter of funding our schools to the maximum cap to ensure that they have the adequate resources to provide a quality education for every student. I urge you to do the socially responsible thing and fund our schools to the maximum allowable cap. What has been happening with our school funding is a shameful disgrace. Please do better. Vote to fund our schools to the cap.

Respectfully,

Jan Bukac
Seward Resident

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From: Shelly Shank <shelly.shank@breezeinn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:12 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: cecklund@kob.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Shelly L Shank
P.O. Box 2926
Seward, AK 99664

From: Joanna Johnson <josyta@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:19 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools.

Sincerely,
Joanna Johnson
Seward Resident

From: Carri Fisher <nelliejuan.cf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:26 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund the schools

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,

Carri Fisher
Seward,AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ruby Boyle <ruby.boyle@g.kpbsd.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:28 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Public Comment for Assembly Meeting - Please Fund my Future

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Hello,

Could you please send my public comment below to all of the Assembly Members before the May 5th assembly meeting? I would appreciate it.

Thank you,
Ruby Boyle
7th Grade
Seward Middle School

Dear Mayor Micciche and Members of the Borough Assembly,
I am a 7th grader at Seward Middle. I am writing to you because I am worried about my education and other students' education. I am pleading with you to approve a budget the highest amount you possibly can for supporting KPBSD. My school is already being closed for next year. The pool is also getting closed. We won't have a librarian and the classes are only going to get bigger. We need our schools to be funded, and it's not an unreasonable ask.

As soon as I heard about the Assembly meeting, I started texting all the middle schoolers I know because everyone wants a better education. Even the guys who really only care about sports responded saying that they would write. I want to go to college and be someone who is really smart, but I feel like the state of Alaska and the borough do not want the same thing for me, otherwise we wouldn't have to fight for funding for basic needs. Everyone always talks about wanting students to get better scores on state testing, but I'm not sure how making our classes bigger and cutting access to libraries is going to help that.

If the school stops getting funded my parents are considering moving to Anchorage. I would have to leave the town I've been in for the past six years. I would have to say goodbye to all my friends and teachers. And I also know that I am not the only one who would move. Two of my friends have already started homeschooling (and not even through Connections) because Seward Middle School is closing. Their parents do not want them to be with seniors in school next year, and it's not just them that will switch to homeschool.

I understand that your job is hard, and I know that you will never make everyone happy. But please do what's right for our small, close-knit community. If the next generation is to solve the last one's problems, we need to be smart, critical thinkers to do that. Please choose to fund KPBSD to the full amount that you are able. Thank you for reading this!

Yours truly,
Ruby Boyle
7th Grade
Seward Middle School

From: Ryli <ryli50014@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:31 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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Hey, I think this is the Thing for funding school and me and a couple other people were really hoping if you could fund the KPBSD school district before the meeting tomorrow and we would really really love it if you did that for us

From: Karyn Clemens <karyn.clemens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:32 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>school libraries

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Karyn Clemens

From: Monty Fisher <mfishonline@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:33 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support school funding

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My name is Monty Fisher at 11917 Amber St, Seward, AK 99664. I support full funding for schools in the KPB. Education of our children is most important role of any county or borough.

From: Briley Appel <brileyappel@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:37 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Briley Appel

From: Molly Nichols <mollygailnichols@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:37 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Ashton Nichols

From: Briley Appel <brileyappel@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:38 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Kpb assembly

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Briley Appel

From: Evie Bukac <eviejb42@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:40 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>I Support Funding Schools to the Cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

As a student who cares about the future of Seward's youth, I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Evelyn Bukac

From: Adell Groom <adell.groom@g.kpbsd.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:40 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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Hello, this is Adell 'AJ' Groom with Seward Middle School (active 8th grade, soon Freshmen). I support funding to the cap in order to fund our schools.
Thank you, AJ

From: Kirk & Jenn DesErmia <kirkandjenn_des@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:42 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Fw: Fund Schools to Cap!!!

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KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Kirk DesErmia

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Amber Humbert <adjeffre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 6:45 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund schools to the cap!

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Amber Humbert, Seward AK 907-491-1225

From: Emily Mailman <emilym0610@att.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:22 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Immediate call to action!

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Students and schools are the future of the Kenai. We must invest in our future.

Thank you,

Emily Mailman
(City of Seward)

From: blake pullins <blakepullins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:24 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund the schools.
Thank you,
Blake Pullins

From: Kathi Davis <kmdavisak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:33 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support funding to the cap

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I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Kathleen Davis
Seward, AK

From: Stephanie Cronin <cronin3.14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:46 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund KPBSD to the cap!!

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Dear Borough Assembly,

I am a former teacher for KPBSD (for 25 years) and a parent of two children who graduated from the district. We have to fight every year to get the funding necessary to provide a proper education for our students. I talk with many parents who are considering moving elsewhere because of the cuts that continue to happen year after year in our schools. Please consider funding to the cap to keep our communities strong and provide our children well-rounded educational opportunities.

Thank you,
Stephanie Cronin

From: Rachel Jean Howatson <hibernationtextiles@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 7:57 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fully funding education

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Good evening,

I request that the Borough help fund education for the coming year. Watching schools close and wither away is detrimental to communities and causes more parents to pull their children as they lose faith in public education. Please support our students and schools as an investment in the future and an investment in strong communities.

Thank you,

Rachel Sullivan
Cooper Landing School mom

From: Cathy Weiford <akbearlake@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:01 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School Funding

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I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools.

Thank you,
Cathy Weiford

From: David Paperman <dpaperman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:11 PM
To: Turner, Michele; Mayor Peter Micciche
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Message for Assembly Members

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Madam Clerk, Please share the following message with members of the Kenai Peninsula Assembly:

As a 25+ year residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, parents of children who have graduated from and currently attend KPB School District schools, small business owners, and concerned members of the community we cannot be more direct and specific when we ask you to vote at your meeting later this week to provide the maximum amount of local resources for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Simply put: Fund the School District to the Cap!

Thanks to good management, the Borough has more than enough funds on hand to fund the School District to the Cap. There is no excuse for not doing everything reasonable in our power to provide for our children's education.

Please vote to give the maximum amount of Borough funds allowed by the State to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District during the upcoming budget year.

We say this on behalf of our family

David Paperman
Dana Paperman
Samuel Paperman
Edna Paperman (age 15)

From: Christy Phillips <christy@imagesbydustin.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:21 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>FUND TO THE CAP!

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To the KPB assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund the schools. I don't know how anyone else could not support this. Our children are our future.

Thank you,
Christy Phillips

From: C Thompson <thompson907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:32 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding to the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

As a Kenai Peninsula Borough resident and taxpayer, I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Please do not continue to strip resources from our already strained schools.

Thank you,
Chris Thompson

From: Debra Burdick-Hinton <debburdick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:48 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Pls Fully Fund to the Cap

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Greetings from Seward,

It is critical that KPB Assembly supports funding to the cap. Without these funds our schools will continue to receive decreased resources and support but what is different this year, especially in seward, is that I believe what we will lose by not funding to the gap may never be recovered.

I am so impressed by the large number of quality educators, support staff and volunteers that have "hung on" and stepped up through the pandemic and funding challenges but I fear this is the straw that will break the camel's back. Dollar for dollar there is no greater return on investment than funding public schools. There is no savings to be realized for our borough but not fully investing in education. The borough will pay in the long run for what is lost during these critical stages of development. Please do not allow this to happen on your watch.

Yes, the state needs to step up, yes we need to forward fund schools so budgets are known much sooner, etc...etc....I totally agree but if our own borough does not fully support funding our schools to the cap, what does that say about the value you place on public education? What message are you sending to students and dedicated hard working staff. Home school and alternative schools are not an option for the majority of students in the Kenai Peninsula and not funding to the cap will cause a significant decrease in the quality of education and quality of educational staff. Please do not stand by and let that happen.

Sincere thanks for your support in making certain the KPB sends a message loud and clear to students and staff that you value education and support our educational staff by fully funding to the cap.

Sincerely,
Debra Burdick-Hinton
Seward, AK

From: Amy Bukac <amy.bukac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 8:50 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding our schools!

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap to fully fund our schools. Schools are critical to children and Alaska's future!

Thank you,

Amy Bukac
Seward, Ak

From: Zach Johnson <zjohnson.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:07 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund the schools

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Zach Johnson
Zjohnson.ak@gmail.com

From: Ayla Tritz <aylatritz37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:09 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Ayla Tritz

From: Maria Veter <mariaveter88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:14 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding to the cap

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Maria Fletcher

From: Lacuna Family Medicine <lacunafamilymedicine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:18 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please fund KPBSD Education to the CAP

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To the members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

As a working professional, I owe my livelihood to a good public education. Our Borough schools are woefully underfunded each year. I am requesting that the Borough Assembly vote to fund education to the cap. The money is there, and should be allocated to the district to fund schools so that KPBSD can continue providing the education to all Alaskan students that the state constitution mandates.

Regards,
Jerald Flynn MD

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Dr. Jerald Flynn, M.D.
Board Certified Family Physician
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Seward, Alaska 99664
907.491.0645
888-723-1672 (Fax)
Lacunafamilymedicine@gmail.com

From: Simon Estes <simon333.estes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:37 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Supporting funding cap

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Simon Estes (Seward)

From: Michael Mahmood <mmahmood907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:37 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding the KPB schools to cap.

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Michael Mahmood

From: David Lyon <djnlyon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:40 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the cqp

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
David Lyon

From: Andrea Rodriguez <andrea.rodriguez6@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:43 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding

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To the KPB Assembly:

I am writing to express my firm support for funding the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District to the maximum statutory limit to ensure our schools are fully resourced. As the parent of a junior at Seward High and a long-term community member, I am deeply invested in the long-term stability of our educational system.

The current state of our district is concerning; the closure of the middle school, limited course offerings, and uncompetitive teacher salaries are unacceptable. Furthermore, the lack of essential facility maintenance—such as a functional elevator for students with mobility needs—and the increasing strain on our library and staff highlight a critical need for action. Investing in our children is an investment in the future of our country. I urge you to prioritize this funding immediately.

Thank you,
Andrea Rodriguez

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jacob Bridges <bridgesjak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:49 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the cap

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KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Public schools are fundamental to American standards and keeping our schools funded to support libraries, sports, music, arts and swimming pools are extremely important. Please fund to the cap to fully fund schools.

Thank you,
Jacob Bridges

From: Gillian Braver <gillian.braver@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 9:52 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support fully funding school.

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Stand with citizen who support our future!

Thank you,
Gillian Braver

From: Christy Everett <followingelias@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:01 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk; Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please fund our schools

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. Our children deserve libraries, small classes, extra-curricular activities, and Counselors. If we keep cutting our schools' resources we will continue to lose families from public education and to the lower 48.

Thank you,

Christy Jordan

From: My Walker <mywalker@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:12 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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To the KPB Assembly

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. We have already lost one school in Seward- our future is our children! Thank you, Madelyn Walker Sent from my iPhone

From: hmq@seward.net
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:22 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Support funding to the cap

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Dear KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools. I have two children, lifelong Seward public school students, one a 2025 graduate of Seward High and the other a current junior there. I am weary from having to advocate for school funding and adequate staffing each year for the past 14 years.

I willingly pay local sales and property tax and have advocated for raising the sales tax cap limit in the hopes that our schools will be well-funded and not stretched to the limit.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Heather Shank
31316 Wilma Ave
Seward

From: Melody Spangler-Hatch <mach4@ak.net>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:23 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>I support fully funding schools

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To the KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund our schools.

Thank you,
Melody Spangler-Hatch

From: Kyla Davis <mermicorny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:35 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>KPB School funding

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To KPB Assembly,

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,

Kyla Davis
13569 Old Seward Rd
Seward, AK 99664

From: nikolaus unrein <akselunrein@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 10:46 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> Please fund our schools!

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To the KPB Assembly,
I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund schools.
Thank you,
Aksel Unrein

From: Iris Anderson <cooperandiris@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 11:20 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>

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Thank you,

Iris Anderson

From: Sarah Hubbard <scargig@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 12:15 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: Ecklund, Cindy
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> School Funding

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Thank you,

Sarah Hubbard-Mother of 4
Seward, AK

From: Bonnie Moore <akchild1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 6:43 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: ceklund@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Public Schools funding cap

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Dear KPB Assembly,
I am writing to urge you to fund to the maximum cap to fully fund schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Moore

From: Kari Anderson <captainkarialaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:07 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School funding

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Dear Borough Assembly Members-

I fully support funding to the cap for our schools. I'm concerned about losing more student services- especially library staff. Please support our schools and invest in our future.

Thank you for your service-
Kari Anderson
Seward, AK

From: Kate & Craig Turnbull <turnbull@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:22 AM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Cc: ceckland@kpb.us
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>School Funding

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Dear Assembly Members,

Let's work together for the kids of our state, the ones who will become our leaders and caretakers!

I support funding to the cap in order to fully fund the schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

Thank you,

Catherine Turnbull
KPBSD Retired Teacher

From: Donna Tucker <DTucker@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 10:05 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Please Fund to the Cap

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Please forward to all assembly members. Thank you!

Dear Assembly Members,

Please fund education to the cap!

We are grateful for the KPB code that designates all the sales tax collected in our borough from residents and visitors go to fund the KPBSD. We know the State of Alaska legislature has not done their part in funding our schools adequately. Our vote in the future can help to change that. We ask you to vote to fund to the cap to do your part in continuing the work that is making a difference for our future. The students need you!

Thank you,

Donna Tucker
Sterling, AK

*Donna Tucker, Secretary
Cooper Landing School
19030 Bean Creek Road
Cooper Landing, AK 99572
907.595.1244
dtucker@kpbsd.org*

From: Kathy <krecken@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 11:04 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Cc: John (Nick) Vanderhoff
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund KPB Education to the Cap

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May 5, 2026
KPB Assembly Members
Please fund education to the cap!

We are grateful for the KPB code that designates all the sales tax collected in our borough to fund the KPBSD. The State of Alaska Legislature and the Governor have not done their part in funding our schools adequately for several years now, and hopefully our votes in the future can help change that. In the meantime, our schools and students are paying the price. These students are the future of our borough and the best investment we can make. In the long run, the cost of keeping our schools running is nothing compared to the income that will be generated in KPB communities because students will stay here and contribute to our economy. I ask you to do your part by voting to fund education to the cap.

Thank you in advance for continuing the work that is necessary for our future. Our students need you!

Kathryn Recken
John N Vanderhoff
19567 Rusty's Way
PO Box 747
Cooper Landing, AK
Sent from my iPad

From: Mary Beth Koster <marybethkoster@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:14 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the cap

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Please fund our schools to the cap.
Thank you.
Mary Beth Zimmerle
Sent from my iPhone

From: Claire Shipton <claireshipton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 2:24 PM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> KPBSD - Fund To The Cap

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May 5, 2026

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members,

Please fund education to the cap!

We are grateful for the KPB Code that designates all the sales tax collected in our borough from residents and visitors go to fund the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. We know the State of Alaska legislature has not done their part in funding our schools adequately. Our vote in the future can help to change that. We ask for your vote to fund up to the cap to do your part in continuing the work that is making a difference for our future, our students need you!

Thank you,
Claire Shipton
Moose Pass Community
907-288-4111

From: Lily Montgomery <lilywmont@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 4:45 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fwd: Please Fund KPBSD to the Cap

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From: **Lily Montgomery** <lilywmont@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, May 4, 2026 at 3:14 PM
Subject: Please Fund KPBSD to the Cap
To: <assemblyclerk@kpb.es>
CC: <cecklund@kpb.us>

Dear KPB Assembly,

I am writing to express my support for funding our schools to the cap. I am deeply concerned by the repeated cuts to school staff, and the upcoming closure of school libraries.

Our public schools are critical to children, families, and communities across the borough. They provided a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment for children to spend time with their peers, to learn, and to pursue their interests. As we continue to divert money away from public schools, our children and communities suffer.

I believe that any identified problems and limitations of public schools are the direct result of limited funding. Adequate funding allows for low teacher to student ratios, competitive salaries to draw in high quality professionals, enriching field trips, sports programs that promote healthy lifestyles and critical values, and libraries where students can access books at their reading levels that align with their interests. If our children can be thinkers, learners, team players, and readers who feel cared for and supported by their community today, they will go on to make the borough a better place for all of us tomorrow.

Please vote to fund our schools to the cap so that our money can go to supporting our educators and providing high quality opportunities for our children.

Sincerely,
Lily Montgomery
Bear Creek

From: Kyle Schneider <kylelschneider@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:15 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Raise Our Taxes To Fund Our Schools

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Assembly Members:

Listening to the meeting, Assembly Member Dunne stated that he wanted to hear from the public regarding tax increases for school funding.

As a taxpayer, I believe there is NOTHING more important than the education of future generations, and would prefer to pay more in taxes for a well-educated future for our state.

Regards,
Kyle Schneider
kylelschneider@gmail.com
(773) 620-3833

From: Kathleen James <kathynjames@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 4:13 AM
To: Turner, Michele
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Fund to the Cap

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Thank you,

Kathy James
34377 Williams Rd
Cooper Landing, AK 99572