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Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER> KPBSD Budget Cuts

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Good morning,

I am writing as a parent regarding the funding cuts proposed for next year. The cuts proposed will negatively impact our community, and I am proposing that they not be made.

To tell you a little about myself - I am a parent of two school-age children in Homer. My oldest son is a junior at Homer High School and my middle son is a 3rd grader at West Homer. I also have a 4 year old who will join the public school system in 2024. I am a volunteer within the schools, and I am passionate about public education.

I also work in this community helping to fuel the local economy. I am CFO of Seldovia Village Tribe and my husband and I own and operate our own air taxi business (Kachemak Air Service).

As a parent and an involved member of the Homer community, I am directly impacted by the funding decisions for our schools. As a finance person, however, I understand the need to have enough funding to perform at the level needed.

Therefore I am writing to show my support for an increase of \$700 to the base student allocation. I am also requesting that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly fund KPBSD to the cap. Finally, I am requesting that we keep our district pools and theatres open. These resources are critical to our children's wellbeing.

Thank you for considering my position as a parent and proud member of the wonderful Homer community

Regards,
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From: Jeff Meyers <jmeyers1180@gmail.com>
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Dear Esteemed Assembly Members,

My name is Jeff Meyers and my family and I live and work in Homer. I am the History Professor at KBC and my wife Danielle is a nurse at SPH. We are a local family that helps fuel the economy and we are dedicated to our children's education.

Our son Lev attends Paul Banks Elementary and our son Hugo will begin there soon. We love that school, the people who make it run on a day-to-basis, and we love our community.

Budget cuts are understandable, but what is most important to us is the people in the schools: teachers and staff. An organization is only as good as its people and the priority for us is teacher and staff retention (the signing of contracts).

Thanks for the opportunity to write to you and hear our thoughts.

All the best,

Jeff, Danielle, Lev and Hugo