

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 07/07/26
Hearing: 08/04/26
Action:
Vote:

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2026-19-02**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE, AND INSURANCE COSTS RELATED TO NIKOLAEVSK, SEWARD, STERLING, AND TUSTUMENA SURPLUS SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2026, a majority of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) Board of Education School Board voted to close Seward Middle School, Sterling Elementary School, and Tustumena Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) awaits formal notice of surplus for the school facilities and campuses from the KPBSD, which will transfer operational responsibility and site control of the facilities back to the KPB; and

WHEREAS, as such, the KPBSD will retain operating responsibility, site control, and related costs for 30 days after a formal surplus transfer and notice is provided to KPB, and the satisfactory review and inspection of the facilities by KPB; and

WHEREAS, in addition, funds are necessary for the closed Nikolaevsk school facility to maintain operational costs related to that facility in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27); and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of formal surplus transfers of these three school facilities, the administration requests an appropriation of \$950,000 from the General Fund fund balance to provide for utilities, maintenance, insurance and other operating costs of the facilities for FY27; and

WHEREAS, these funds will provide annual operating and maintenance costs for the facilities community meetings and discussions occur regarding future use for the properties;

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

SECTION 1. That this is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION 2. That \$950,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to be transferred to the Land Trust Fund Facilities Division account 250.21211.27CLO.49999 to provide funds

for required annual operating costs of surplus school facilities that are transferred back to the Kenai Peninsula Borough in FY27.

SECTION 3. That, if a formal surplus decision is made, KPBSD will retain operating responsibility, site control, and related costs for the 30 days after an executed surplus property transfer form is received by KPB. KPB will accept possession, operating responsibility, site control, and related costs for the facility 30 days after an executed surplus property transfer form is received by KPB.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances will not be affected.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be effective retroactively to July 1, 2026.

ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: