



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Finance

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April 7, 2016

Mr. Blaine Gilman  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly  
144 North Binkley Street  
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RE: FY17 Budget Approval

Dear Mr. Gilman:

Transmitted herein is the 2016-2017 Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Annual Budget as approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on April 4, 2016.

The total budget for all funds is \$150,885,294. The general fund request, including expenditures and transfers, is for \$139,488,760 and the special revenue fund requests for Food Service and Pupil Transportation budgets total \$11,396,534.

The revenue projection includes the \$50 addition to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and the borough contribution, funded at the maximum allowable, is requested in the amount of \$49,021,054. This would be an increase of \$782,622 over the current FY16 budgeted local effort total of \$48,238,432. At this funding level the school district will still be operating at a deficit and anticipate using fund balance in the amount of \$209,424.

The board decided to include the additional \$50 in BSA at this time because that level of funding came forward in both the House and Senate versions of the FY17 Budget at the state level. Including this additional revenue (from both the state and the borough) allows the district to reverse some cuts. The 13.5 FTE certificated staffing cuts that were made because of the increase in the Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) have been reversed. The staffing cuts that were made due to decreased enrollment remain in place. No other expenditure reductions that were brought forward previously have been reversed.

Please see the links below for the budget memo approved by the School Board at the April 4, 2016 meeting and the original FY17 preliminary budget.

<http://www.kpsbd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=35773>

<http://www.kpsbd.k12.ak.us/Workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=35501>

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly is respectfully requested to approve the 2016-2017 School District Budget as presented in accordance with current foundation calculations. The administration is available to discuss the budget as it relates to the educational program and community for the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Assembly for their participation in this process through the community budget hearings, attendance at board work sessions, board meetings and other events, as well as the joint work session held with the School Board. The Assembly's continued support of public education is appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Dusek".

Mr. Sean Dusek  
Superintendent

CC: Mike Navarre, Mayor  
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk