

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Tyson Cox, Assembly Vice President *TRC*
Ryan Tunseth, Assembly Member *RT*

DATE: April 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2024- 10 , Amending KPB 22.40.080 to Place a Student Council Presentation with Prior Notice on the Agenda (Cox, Tunseth)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Board of Education and many KPB city councils have a high school student representative who gives reports from their school and votes in an advisory capacity. The Assembly has not had an advisory seat because of the difficulty a student may have in making our committees, meetings, and presentations that are scheduled throughout the school day.

The KPB Assembly and Kenai Peninsula community would benefit from high school student participation in our meetings. Adding a student council presentation is one way to accomplish this as it will give student council members the opportunity to share their school's interests, concerns, and activities with the Assembly, Mayor, and public.

Students can build confidence practicing their public speaking skills, presenting on topics important to their schools, and being heard by their local borough representatives. Participation in local government meetings is a great way for students to experience the public process while discovering the significance of civic engagement within their community.

Your consideration is appreciated.