

Introduced by:	Dunne, Johnson
Date:	08/05/25
Hearing:	08/19/25
Action:	
Vote:	

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
ORDINANCE 2025-19-07**

**AN ORDINANCE DEOBLIGATING FUNDS PREVIOUSLY
APPROPRIATED FOR IN-KIND SCHOOL MAINTENANCE AS PART OF
THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FOR
SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL
FUND FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

- WHEREAS,** KPB Assembly adopted the School Fund (Fund 241) budget on June 17, 2025; and
- WHEREAS,** the adopted Fund 241 budget of \$62,359,080, included \$9,688,754 for Maintenance and \$46,878,229 for School Operations, and \$5,792,097 for other in-kind services; and
- WHEREAS,** the KPBSD Finance Committee identified expenditure reductions of \$197,435 by closing swimming pools at Susan B. English School and Ninilchik School; and
- WHEREAS,** the KPBSD Board of Education voted to close the pools in Seldovia and Ninilchik while keeping all other KBPSD pools open in FY26; and
- WHEREAS,** residents of both Seldovia and Ninilchik have been actively developing alternative ways to raise funds to keep swimming pools in those communities open and operating; and
- WHEREAS,** residents of Seldovia requested the mill rate for their Recreation Service Area be raised from 0.75 to 1.00 in FY26 in order to provide additional funds to support pool operations; and
- WHEREAS,** residents of Ninilchik have successfully petitioned a ballot question to create a new Ninilchik Recreation Service Area to support pool operations and have also raised over \$30,000 in private donations; and
- WHEREAS,** while local efforts to raise additional funds in both communities are proceeding, those efforts will not provide the immediate funding necessary to keep pools operational in FY26; and
- WHEREAS,** KPBSD swimming pools provide high value recreation, sports, health and wellness benefits for students and community members; and

WHEREAS, reallocating \$200,000 in funds from the Maintenance budget to School Operations budget would allow the District to keep the pools at Susan B English and Ninilchik schools open for one year while the Borough and local communities explore options for alternative funding; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin, between 2016-2021 there were 342 drowning deaths in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, we never know when access to a KPBSD swimming pool will lead to an Olympic champion, or when a pool will enable someone to learn to swim and thus one day prevent a drowning;

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 \$200,000 is deobligated from the School Fund Maintenance Division Account 241.41010.00000.43780, for building and grounds maintenance purposes, to be redirected and appropriated to the School Fund Non-Departmental Division account 241.94910.00000.50241, for the purpose of School District Operations.

SECTION 3. That the redirection of funds previously appropriated as part of the local contribution for school funding per AS 14.17.410 will increase (A) budgeted and controlled by the Board of Education and reduce (B) budgeted and controlled by Assembly as in-kind services.

(A) Local Effort	\$ 46,878,229 47,078,229
(B) Borough Maintenance	9,688,754 9,488,754
(C) School District Utilities	81,600
(D) Insurance	5,398,898
(E) Audit	166,908
(F) Custodial Services	<u>144,691</u>
TOTAL LOCAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTION PER AS 14.17.410	\$ <u>62,359,080</u>

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY
OF * 2025.**

Peter Ribbens, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: