

# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District



River City Academy Class of 2022 visit Sterling Elementary



**Borough Assembly Quarterly Update  
June 7, 2022  
Superintendent Clayton Holland**



# LEGISLATIVE ACTION

## HB114 Education; Schools; Funding; Programs

- Includes SB111 “Alaska Reads” (Early Education; Reading Intervention)
- FY24: \$30 increase to the BSA

## HB281 Operating and Capital Budget:

- FY23: One-time funds outside of BSA
- FY24: Forward funding of BSA and pupil transportation
- School Bond Debt Reimbursement

### Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Education Bill Focus

- Take 5 minutes to review these 5 important education bills
- Talk to 5 friends, colleagues, or family members about these topics, and then:

#### Five action ideas

1. Contact your state legislator via phone, email, or attend a town hall meeting
2. Testify at a legislative hearing in a LIO office, make a phone call, or write a letter
3. Listen to a committee hearing, and track bill movement with SMS alerts from #AKleg
4. Talk to elected officials in city and borough government, and your school principal or site council about these bills
5. Advocate for a state fiscal plan, speak up to share your positive stories about education. Help the public understand the positive value and outcomes happening in KPBSD [w3.akleg.gov](http://w3.akleg.gov)

SB 111

#### EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION

\*An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public schools; relating to early education programs; relating to funding for early education programs... SB 111



*"Literacy is the building block of all education. The KPBSD supports legislation that creates a statewide comprehensive K-3 reading policy to improve education outcomes for our students. Students across our entire state deserve high quality Preschool, and curriculum and instruction based on the science of reading. Now is the time for our state to come together on this critical issue."*  
-Superintendent Clayton Holland

 Literacy increases graduation rates, and success in life

HB 272

#### INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION (BSA)

\*An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date." HB 272



The KPBSD projects a FY23 status-quo budget deficit of <\$7,018,488>  
Current BSA is \$5,930. If HB 272 passes, the FY23 BSA would be \$5,930 + \$253 = \$6,153  
The FY24 BSA would be \$6,153 + \$55 = \$6,208  
A BSA increase of \$253 in 2022-2023 school year for the KPBSD is \$3,854,470  
A BSA increase of \$55 in FY24 school year is \$950,654 (based on FY23 projected enrollment)

The BSA has not changed since the 2015-2016 school year

 Investment in our children and stability for education outcomes

HB 273

#### INFLATION PROOF THE BSA

\*An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date." HB 273



If HB273 passes, in the 2022-2023 school year, KPBSD would receive an additional \$1,676,608 through the Foundation Formula, based on projected enrollment. The FY23 BSA would become \$6,027 with the inflation proofing formula\*, in contrast to the current \$5,930 BSA.

Each Fiscal Year, the BSA would be inflation proofed based on the average of three prior Calendar Years of the CPI of Urban Alaska, less one lag year.

 Offers education funding stability

SB 225

#### TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS

\*An Act relating to a paraprofessional training program; creating a teacher resident certificate; creating a teacher residency program; relating to requirements to issue a teacher certificate; relating to subject-matter expert limited teacher certificates; relating to limited teacher certificates; creating a teacher registered apprenticeship program; and creating a teacher registered apprenticeship program fund." SB 225

 Benefits teacher recruitment and retention

HB 220

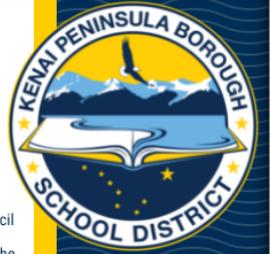
#### RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.

\*An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date." HB 220

 Benefits teacher recruitment and retention

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.

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Your voice matters:-  
Education Bills and KPBSD



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# FUNDING EDUCATION!

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**Kenai Peninsula Borough** budgets the maximum allowable to KPBSD in FY23!



# School Bond 2022

**“A resolution identifying projects and requesting the submission to the qualified voters the question of the issuance of not to exceed sixty-five million five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$65,550,000) of general obligation bonds to pay for the costs of 2023 educational capital improvements in the borough at an election on October 4, 2022.” –Resolution 21-22-2**

**VOTE**

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Resolution 21-22-2

**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING PROJECTS AND REQUESTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,550,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF 2023 EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH AT AN ELECTION ON OCTOBER 4, 2022.**

**WHEREAS,** School District staff and administration met with Borough staff and administration to develop the list of School Capital Projects for the purpose of requesting voter approval in the October 4, 2022 election; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Education and the Borough Assembly met in a joint budget work session on February 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** The Board of Education met in a work session with the Joint Borough and District facilities team on March 14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** In collaboration, the Borough and School District identified twelve school projects as priority and critical to maintaining and improving key infrastructure for both community and educational needs; and

**WHEREAS,** site improvements are needed at Homer High School to maintain building integrity; and

**WHEREAS,** the Nikiski and Seward High School tracks surface and base asphalt have exceeded their useful life and are now deteriorating, and artificial turf will enable the school district and community greater utilization than natural turf without risking damage; and

**WHEREAS,** the roofs at the following schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough are at the end of their useful life: Mountain View Elementary, Nikiski North Star Elementary, and Hope School; and

**WHEREAS,** a feasibility study was completed for Soldotna area schools that indicated the need for replacement of the 62-year-old Soldotna Elementary school and relocation of the District office, River City Academy, Soldotna Montessori, Connections Home School to the former Soldotna Prep facility and necessary improvements required to meet educational requirements and alleviate overcrowding in the Borough Administration Building and extend the life of the facilities; and

Resolution 21-22-2  
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**WHEREAS,** the exterior building envelope is failing at Soldotna High School and repair of the building envelope will extend the life of the facilities and reduce energy consumption; and

**WHEREAS,** educational improvement projects are needed at Kenai Middle School and Kenai Central High School to more adequately serve the student population and the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the expansion of the KPB/KPBSD maintenance shop will improve maintenance efficiency and allow for additional maintenance of our schools and equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** school traffic patterns have changed with an increase of student drop off by parents rather than buses, resulting in the backup of traffic onto adjacent roads and highways, the district has prioritized a number of these sites Chapman School, Homer Middle School, Kenai Middle School and Mountain View Elementary; and

**WHEREAS,** it is expected the estimated cost of these capital improvements will not exceed sixty-five million five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$65,550,000);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

**Section 1,** That the Board of Education supports the school district and Borough administrator's efforts to seek funding for these capital improvements.

**Section 2,** That the Board of Education requests the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly place the 2023 Educational Capital Improvements Bond on the ballot and seek voter approval at an election in and for the Kenai Peninsula Borough on October 4, 2022.

**Section 3,** That a copy of this resolution shall be given to the Kenai Peninsula Assembly.

**Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education this 2nd day May of 2022.**

Zen Kelly, President  
Board of Education  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Attest:  
Lisa Gabriel  
Clerk  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
Commission Expires 04/23/2024

U.S.A. J. GABRIEL  
Notary Public, State of Alaska  
Commission Expires 04/23/2024

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# STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026

- Process started late July 2021
- Strategic Plan will be presented to Board of Education in July 2022

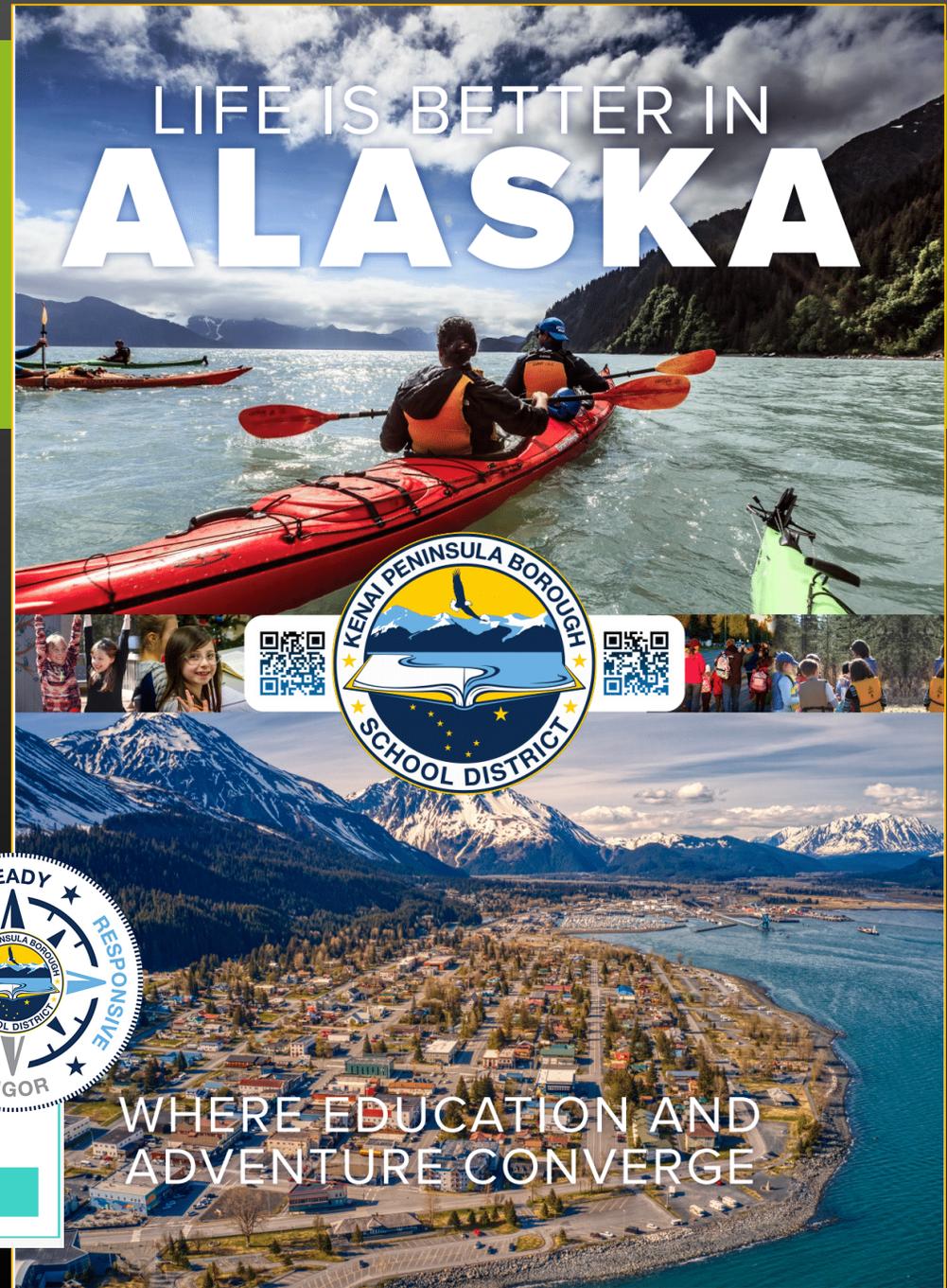


## Five Areas:

- Student Success
- School Climate and Safety
- Family and Community Engagement
- Workforce Development
- Organizational and Resource Management

# RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION CONTINUES...

- Housing
- Outreach and digital campaign



 **Employment**  
Review open positions

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**Current Openings**

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**Job Fairs**

[Job Fair Schedule](#)

WHERE EDUCATION AND ADVENTURE CONVERGE



**Principal Denise Kelly, Sterling Elementary**  
2022 Alaska Association of  
Elementary School Principals  
National Distinguished Principal



**Heather Baker, K-Beach Elementary**  
One of four State of Alaska finalists for 2023  
Teacher of the Year!  
*The 2023 Alaska Teacher of the Year will be announced  
near the beginning of the new school year.*

**AWARDS and RECOGNITION!**

# Student Government Leadership Conference



Homer Flex Class of 2022



K-Beach reads



Upstream STEAM Academy: Drones!



HHS Mariah McGuire wins first in state for paintings



Kenai River Cleanup

OUR YOUTH

# THANK YOU!



## Questions?

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Thank you for your  
leadership and collaboration!