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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2026-023**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS  
HOUSE BILL 374 RELATING TO THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska is constitutionally obligated to establish and maintain a system of public schools; and

**WHEREAS,** as per AS 29.35.160, the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) is required to form a borough school district and to establish, maintain, and operate a system of public schools on an areawide basis; and

**WHEREAS,** AS 14.17.470 currently stipulates that the base student allocation (BSA) provided by the State is \$6,660; and

**WHEREAS,** even with the hard fought \$700 BSA increase last year our state is 61% behind where we should be due to the constant upward inflationary trend; and

**WHEREAS,** the State is currently providing about 57% of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) education funding and local, KPB contributions make up a majority of the outstanding balance; and

**WHEREAS,** education is the single largest budgetary item for the KPB; and

**WHEREAS,** without continuing to provide school districts with predictable funding levels while incorporating policy measures that enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Alaska's education system, the KPBSD will still be facing a budget deficit of \$8.6 million for FY27 which will require consolidating schools, increasing class size, and eliminating programs important to our students and community members; and

**WHEREAS,** HB 374 will increase the BSA to \$7,290; and

**WHEREAS,** any long-term education package must provide both stable, predictable funding increases and strategic improvements in student achievement and school operations;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Assembly requests the State Legislature to pass House Bill 374, an act relating to the base student allocation.

**SECTION 2.** That the Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature and Governor Dunleavy to continue to prioritize a long-term, bipartisan solution for FY27 and beyond, providing school districts with predictable funding levels while incorporating policy measures that enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Alaska’s education system.

**SECTION 3.** That copies of this resolution be sent to all Alaska State Legislators, Governor Dunleavy, and the Kenai Peninsula School District Board of Education.

**SECTION 4.** That copies of this resolution also be sent to all Kenai Peninsula Borough incorporated cities.

**SECTION 5.** That this resolution is effective immediately.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Yes:

No:

Absent: