

Seward Schools Site Based Council Resolution 2018-002**FY18 KPBSD**

WHEREAS, Seward Schools Site Based Council is very concerned about the current PTR (Pupil Teacher Ratio) increases and subsequent teacher reductions that will be necessary if the KPBSD budget deficit is not resolved. The proposed PTR increases will cause extreme difficulties for all schools, especially the smaller middle and high schools in Seward and across the district.

WHEREAS, KPBSD currently has some of the highest achieving students in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, extensive research has shown that Pupil Teacher Ratios directly affect the quality of the education that an individual student receives; and

WHEREAS, It is possible that the larger middle and high schools could absorb a PTR increase without causing significant damage because they have larger staffing numbers and an inherent economy of scale. These larger schools might lose one of many elective positions while Seward schools would lose a core curriculum teacher and several of very few electives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SEWARD SITE BASED COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE KENAI PENINSUL BOROUGH:

1. Fund KPBSD an additional 2 million dollars this year so that PTR does not have to be increased
2. Remove 4.5 million from land trust savings account to fund this increase. Let's invest in educating our children!
3. Use \$500,000 from KPB In Kind Maintenance fund balance to help fund this increase.
4. If necessary, explore other revenue sources such as fuel excise tax or increased sales tax.
5. None of these will be easy but educating our children is, and must remain, the primary goal for our school district. Our district is one of the best in the state; let's find a way to keep it that way!

Seward Site Based Council, this 16th Day of April 2018.

**Mica Van Buskirk, Chair
Seward Site Based Council**