

Introduced by: Ecklund, Dunne
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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 * DAY OF *, 2026.

Ryan Tunseth, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Michele Turner, MMC, Borough Clerk

Yes: Dunne, Ecklund, Truesdell
No: Cooper, Eicher, Griebel, Hicks, Niesen, Tunseth
Absent: None