



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

**Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Update
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Preliminary results

- Graduates
- Activities
- Jump Start



Innovations



- ✓ **ConnectED Initiative with Apple, Nanwalek and Port Graham schools**
- ✓ **DTi grant – Digital Teaching Initiative three year grant**
- ✓ **Hybrid High School in Seward**
- ✓ **Innovation with drones – partnerships with state agencies and local businesses**
- ✓ **Jumpstart and college dual-credit courses, UAA partnership**
- ✓ **Effective leadership and calibration**
- ✓ **Effective instruction and collaboration**
- ✓ **Project Aware – behavioral and mental health awareness**
- ✓ **Project Search workplace immersion program for students with disabilities**
- ✓ **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academies**
- ✓ **Project Grad – Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership (KPNYL) – Native Education partnerships**
- ✓ **Upstream Academy – Title VI students**
- ✓ **Caring for the Kenai – nationally recognized program incorporating service learning**

KPBSD Efficiencies

● Professional Development and Collaboration

- Distance delivery

● Operational reorganization

- warehouse, student nutrition, pools, district administration

● Health care

- High Deductible option
- Preferred provider
- Benefits review

● Transportation

- South Peninsula – single tier to double tier busing



Challenges

- **Uncertainty**
 - Education funding
 - Alaska economy
- **Social pressures**
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Abuse
- **Federal expectations interpreted by DEED and Legislature**
 - ESSA
 - Assessments
 - Future mandates



Thank You!

Questions?



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