

Broyles, Randi

From: Blankenship, Johni
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To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

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To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>; Baisden, James <jbaisden@kpb.us>; Mayor's Department <MayorDepartmental@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: David Atcheson

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Subject: Funding for KPC

Message:

Dear Assembly Members:

I am writing to you in regards to funding for Kenai Peninsula College. Though I recently turned in my retirement paperwork and my job was partially funded through borough contributions, I would be writing in support of the college regardless. This funding affects untold numbers of Kenai Peninsula residents. I cannot tell you how many times in my 20 years at KPC that I've seen potential students, many who may have made bad decisions in the past, who fell victim to bad luck, or whose background and upbringing simply precluded a chance at a good education, come sheepishly into our building, looking for a fresh start. They may be in need of remedial training, may take Adult Basic Education classes, or might simply be looking to get their GED, but through encouragement and nurturing they take a chance and enroll in a class or two and see that yes, they can do it, they can succeed. A large number of these students, some who might have otherwise ended up taking the wrong path, who might otherwise have ended up even being a burden to society, have gone on to receive Associate, Bachelors, and even advanced degrees. Most of the programs and staff that work with these students, students who often begin in the margins but many of whom are now productive and contributing members of our community, are supported in some way through the borough. The success of these students is a direct result of borough funding, and cutting this funding would severely curtail the service the college now provides to the community.

Thank you,

Dave Atcheson

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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2021 8:11 AM
To: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Funding needed for maintenance and repairs in Seward Schools

From: Traci Baumgardner <tlb727@gmail.com>
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Hello,

I'm a parent of a Seward Elementary student who will be attending Seward Middle school in a couple of years. It has come to my attention that our track and field desperately need to be repaired and/or replaced. Apparently, it has been on a "to-do" list for several years and it keeps getting bumped to the bottom. It has become a safety issue for students and athletes, and should be prioritized. Please remember that funding education means funding the necessary and important upkeep and maintenance to our physical buildings and grounds.

Thank you,
Traci Baumgardner