

# Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Peter Ribbens, Assembly President  
Members, KPB Assembly

**FROM:** Willy Dune, Assembly Member *WD*  
Brent Johnson, Assembly Member *BJ*

**DATE:** July 24, 2025

**RE:** O2025-19-07, Deobligating Funds Previously Appropriated for In-Kind School Maintenance as part of the Maximum Allowable Local Contribution for Schools and Appropriating the Funds to the School Fund for School Operations (Dunne, Johnson)

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While keeping all other school swimming pools in the District open, the KPBSD has decided to close pools at the Ninilchik School (Ninilchik) and Susan B English School (Seldovia) in order to realize one year savings of approximately \$200,000.

In efforts to keep those pools open, the residents of Seldovia asked the Assembly to increase their local Recreation Service Area mill rate from 0.75 to 1.00 and the KPB Assembly voted to adopt the higher mill rate. Residents of Ninilchik successfully petitioned to create a ballot measure to ask voters to create a Ninilchik Recreation Service Area to support funding and also solicited private donations to keep the pool open.

While additional funds are being raised in both communities through a variety of measures, those efforts will not be enough to keep those pools open in this fiscal year. In conversations with School Board members and leadership, we are confident that by reallocating \$200,000 from Fund 241 Maintenance line to the School Operations line the KPBSD can keep pools at Ninilchik and Susan B English Schools open for one year while alternative pool funding options are explored and developed.

Your consideration is appreciated.