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KPB Assembly Members,

Hello. I am wrapping up my 10th year as a KPC staff member. I am asking that you continue supporting KPC and students with borough funding.

I have held a variety of positions at KRC that have enabled me to be a source of institutional knowledge as well as a “GPS” for both students and employees alike, not only to the KRC campus but throughout all KPC campuses.

Though my role is very different from when I started in 2013, many of my responsibilities to students remain the same. I connect students to vital services such as: financial aid, academic advising, and faculty, as well as helping them with their personal business that connects them to community resources, sometimes even job opportunities. I am also back up to the roles that help students navigate the online learning environment including admissions, testing, registration, course content, textbook procurement, and new student orientation, among other things. Our students continue to receive a very high level of personalized care and guidance, regardless of their experience with higher education.

I currently hold the position of Campus Safety and Evening Coordinator. So, in addition to the duties above, I coordinate the following: Environmental Health and Safety, Risk reporting, and Emergency Management coordination, including response manuals and protocols for both daily tasks and emergency tasks. I also coordinate Safety Alerts, New Employee Safety Orientation, Emergency Equipment, and Laboratory space audits, with external emergency response agencies, and public-facing safety programs.

I receive compliments from so many of the individuals and families we help. I know the borough needs us. And we need you. The impact of your generous funding cannot be overstated. I still encounter former students, years after graduation, who keep me updated on their journeys. I think that is an excellent testament to the role we at KPC play in the lives of Alaskan students.

Thank you for your time and I hope for your continued support. Sincerely,

L. Byrd