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Peter Micciche, Alaska State Senator
State of Alaska
State Capital Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801

Sent via email

Subject: Kachemak Selo K12 Construction Project

Dear Senator Micciche:

Let this letter reflect the collaborative request from the borough and the school district for your sponsorship to re-appropriate \$10,010,000 from Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to Alaska Department of Community, Commerce, and Economic Development (DCCED).¹ Moving the funds from DEED pursuant to AS 14.11.020 and 4AAC 31.023 *et seq* to DCCED as a designated legislative grant pursuant to the provisions of AS 37.05.315, Grants to Municipalities SLA 2021, will allow the borough to construct a facility that serves the educational, emergency or non-emergency needs in the unincorporated community of Kachemak Selo. Upon execution of the legislative grant, the borough will own and maintain the facility.

Re-appropriating these funds to DCCED will solve some of the extraordinary transportation and access issues by allowing the borough to work with private industry to solve the challenges of providing a facility in this remote community. This approach will meet the educational and community needs of the Kachemak Selo community as well as save millions of dollars in taxpayer funds.

For your consideration, suggested amendment language to *Senate Bill 50* would re-appropriate the funding: [...] to the Kenai Peninsula Borough for use toward constructing a facility that serves the educational needs in the remote village of Kachemak Selo.²

Please contact Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager should you need additional information at 907-714-2153 or bahlberg@kpb.us

Sincerely,

Charlie Pierce
Mayor

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Sincerely,

John O'Brien
Superintendent

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¹ State Legislative Action 2016, Senate Bill 138, Kachemak Selo K-12 School Construction, Chapter 2/4 SSIA 16 page 3, lines 24-25.

² State Legislative Action 2021, Senate Bill 50: "An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."