

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wayne Ogle, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Willy Dunne, Assembly Member
Hal Smalley, Assembly Member

DATE: March 21, 2019

RE: Ordinance 2018-19-33, Appropriating Supplemental Funding of \$2,423,955 for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Fiscal Year 2019 Budget (Dunne, Smalley)

On March 15, 2019 Superintendent Sean Dusek submitted a letter to the Assembly asking the Assembly to fund the School District for FY 2019 the maximum amount allowable at this time of \$2,423,955.

This was requested following up on the joint Assembly and School Board work session held March 5, 2019. During that work session the School District provided information supporting its need for maximum funding from the Borough for the FY 2019 budget based on proposals to significantly reduce state funding for education in both FY 2019 and FY 2020, as well as other state cuts in funding.

If those reductions are approved, it is likely they would also decrease the amount of funding the Borough is legally allowed to provide to the School District. This additional funding would allow the School District to retain some of its non-tenured staff for FY 2020 and also potentially provide a cushion to other potential State funding reductions in FY 2020.

The School District is a critical part of the borough's community and economy and needs these funds to continue providing quality education for the borough residents.

Your consideration is appreciated.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT VERIFIED	
Acct. No.	<u>100.27910</u>
Amount:	<u>\$ 2,423,955</u>
By:	<u>W.D. for BA</u> Date: <u>3/21/19</u>