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From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:08 AM
Cc: Broyles, Randi; Turner, Michele
Subject: FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough <webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:03 PM
To: BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>
Subject: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

Your Name: Emily Mayberry

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Subject: Fund KPBSD

Message:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this as an 11-year teaching veteran, 10 of those years being with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

This year has been like no other year, whether in cleaning and safety protocols, low class numbers and continuing learning through remote avenues.

As teachers, we hope and are looking forward to the next school year with a “new normal” outlook. That means working with student small groups again, seeing familiar student faces back in our school buildings and continuing to close learning gaps caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SEP We need the Borough Assembly to fund KPBSD at the amount requested! We know students will be returning to our schools and classrooms. We know we need the same number of teachers for our students, ensuring students get the attention and support that is needed for their best education possible.

Right now, our school stands to lose 5 teaching positions, if not more teachers, because of “low enrollment” projected from student enrollment numbers during this year. Since January, we have seen over 30+ families reenroll their children into our school. With our COVID numbers decreasing across the peninsula and more people receiving vaccinations, our teachers should not be let go when our students are coming back. Don’t balance the Borough’s budget on the back of kids. I’m willing to pay for good schools meeting the needs of our students. That means teachers.

Emily Mayberry
11-year teaching veteran
Master of Education Degree

Broyles, Randi

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Pierce, Charlie
Cc: Broyles, Randi
Subject: FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Issues within the KPBSD and Ninilchik school

Good morning Mayor and Assembly members, please see public comment below.

Johni Blankenship, MMC
Borough Clerk
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From: Richard Hawkins <maritimedick@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:13 PM
To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>
Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Issues within the KPBSD and Ninilchik school

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Issues within the KPBSD and Ninilchik school

Where to begin?

I'm finding it difficult to understand the logic within the KPBSD, the assembly,the superintendent of schools, and the borough Mayor.

The common thread is to cut funding of teachers based on the COVID year when most of the educational activities were completed on line with bits and pieces in the school room as the virus ebbed and flowed. How can this thinking prove to be sound ?

IF this is followed through , Ninilchik will have 4 classroom teachers and 2 special Ed teachers. The two elementary teachers will teach K-3, and 4-6 respectively. There will be 2 teachers for the 7-12; one of who will have 4 different math classes and the other will be teaching language arts,

My understanding is that there will be no preschool. With all the young ones coming into our lovely school this is certainly a detriment to our early learning process.

For the past 4 years there has bee no music teacher with the exception of 3 basically volunteering time with elementary students.

There is no librarian and hasn't been for as long as I can remember.

There is no PE teacher...all elementary teachers teach their own version.

There will be no shop teacher....he will be busy teaching levels 4-6.

There will be no home economics teacher.....he will be busy teaching levels 4-6 There will be no band, strings, or elementary classroom music AGAIN . Supposedly that in itself is a "frill", and "extra". Interesting how so few read what the advantages are to music and learning on all levels of intelligence.

With the cuts that are being taken this year within the district, Ninilchik will feel them the most, and that means each child is being cheated from a solid well rounded education and in turn affects the community in years to come.

I realize that some cuts always need to be made in a budget, but please look at the equity within those cuts.

Are any other schools so scarce of important programs?

How many schools are without music? (band, strings, classroom), a librarian , a shop and home economics teacher?

How many other schools teach their own PE classes?

We need to find a way to resolve the way budgeting issues are formulated and I wish I had an answer for that. What I do know is that schools need to be treated fairly on what each child receives in the academic setting whether they are in a small rural school or elsewhere in the the district. Academic equality...that's what I'm talking about !

Sincerely

Linda Hawkins

Ninilchik Alaska

Sent from my iPad

Subject:

FW: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Regarding funding for schools

From: Clyde Boyer and Vivian Finlay <vivandclyde@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 1, 2021 8:48 AM

To: G_Notify_AssemblyClerk <G_Notify_AssemblyClerk@kpb.us>

Subject: <EXTERNAL-SENDER>Regarding funding for schools

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Dear Assembly members, and Mayor Pierce,

We strongly urge you to support FULL funding for our Borough's schools. There is nothing that is more important than educating our students. If the schools believe they need the funds they requested, then we say you need to support their request. Please don't balance the Borough's budget by cutting the schools' budgets. This is the time to seek new sources of revenue, and be courageous about that. If we need to pay more in taxes, then we should be willing to do that to support our schools. You make the decision, don't send tax and other revenue increase proposals to the public - who can be short sighted.

Thank you,

Vivian Finlay and Clyde Boyer

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