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Mr. Wayne Ogle, President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 North Binkley Street
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RE: FY19 Budget Request

Dear Mr. Ogle:

This letter is in follow up to the joint Assembly, School Board work session conducted on March 5, 2019. During the discussion, School District administration provided information to support the necessity of maximum funding from the Borough for the FY19 Budget. As discussed, there is a strong possibility that State funding in FY20 for the School District and Borough will be substantially less than originally planned. With this in mind, it is quite possible that the proposed reductions for FY20 will not allow any additional funds from the Borough to offset State funding reductions. In fact, proposed State reductions could reduce what the Borough is allowed to fund the School District in FY20 to a level below current funding.

Maximum funding for FY19 will allow the School District to retain some of our non-tenured staff for FY20 as well as provide a cushion to any potential State funding reductions.

We are requesting funding at the maximum allowable in the amount of \$52,162,387. This would provide additional funding of \$2,423,955 for FY19.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Assembly and Borough Administration for their consideration of this request in unprecedented fiscal times in the State of Alaska. The Borough Administration's and the Assembly's continued support of public education is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Mr. Sean Dusek
Superintendent

CC: Charlie Pierce, Mayor
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk