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John O'Brien, Superintendent
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:


Thank you for the letter regarding the Soldotna Prep School closure and consolidation with Soldotna High School in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District under AS 14.17.410(b)(H).

In accordance with AS 14.14.120, 14.17.410, and 4 AAC 05.090, the Department of Education & Early Development accepts the district's closure and consolidation of the Soldotna Prep School in to Soldotna High School. The department appreciates the district's efforts to work in cooperation with the families of Soldotna as this closure and transition takes place.

It is important to note, by utilizing the consolidation language under AS 14.17.410(b)(H)-(M), the district acknowledges it may not submit a request to the department to reopen Soldotna Prep School until seven years or more have passed since the date of closure. The district will also be required to provide evidence that Soldotna High School is over capacity.

Please contact the department if you have any questions. These decisions are never easy. Your commitment to an excellent education every day for the children of Alaska is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael Johnson
Commissioner

cc: Mindy Lobaugh, School Finance Specialist II