



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Board of Education Candidate Application
 District 6 Eastern Peninsula
Application deadline: Nov. 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Submit application to:

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
 Board President Penny Vadla
 C/O Debbie Tressler, Board Administrative Secretary
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Date November 13, 2019

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Please list boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on
 (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, social).

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Role/Title</u>	<u>Service Dates</u>
<u>Kenai Peninsula Borough</u>	<u>Planning Commissioner</u>	<u>2016 - present</u>
<u>Cooper Landing School</u>	<u>Site Based Council, Treasurer</u>	<u>2008 - present</u>
<u>Cooper Landing Community School</u>	<u>Founding member, President</u>	<u>2007 - present</u>
<u>Cooper Landing Community Library</u>	<u>Board member, Vice-President</u>	<u>2006 - present</u>

Education/Training/Certificates/Awards/Honors

<u>Bachelor of Arts, Music, 1996</u>	<u>Bachelor of Education, Elementary Education, 1998</u>
<u>State of Alaska Professional Teaching Certificate, Grades K - 8, 1998 - present</u>	
<u>Certificate of National Service - AmeriCorps - 2009 and 2010</u>	
<u>State of Alaska Small Library Institute and School-Public Collaborative Library Trainings</u>	

How would the KPBSD benefit from your involvement on the School Board?

I have been learning in the KPBSD schools for most of my life, having grown up here on the Kenai Peninsula. I have had the privilege of being a student, an elementary and middle school teacher, a volunteer, and a parent, as well as a substitute teacher, secretary, aide, and custodian in our district's schools. I've had these experiences in large schools as well as the very smallest schools on the peninsula. As a member of this board, I will draw from my years of varied experience in schools and on boards, and my ability to build and strengthen connections and relationships and inspire community engagement.

If you are appointed to the Board, what are the three top priorities you would hope to accomplish?

Champion the unique diversity of our district's schools and the importance of keeping them all funded and open. Advocate for adequate funding and appropriate funding fairly, finding ways to provide more opportunities for students in schools that have fewer choices.

Work on increasing a sense of team between certified and classified staff, the Board, and administration and enhancing employee morale.

In the development of a budget, what goals and objectives would guide your decision making?

The district's strategic plan will be my guide, "to inspire all learners to pursue their dreams in a rigorous, relevant and responsive environment." I believe that accomplishing the district's vision requires investing in human capital (through wages, health care, and training), which increases productivity and retention, allowing our kids to have the very best teachers. It is also important to tie expenditures to positive learning outcomes for students, and any reports that can be provided, showing these links, will be helpful.

How would you suggest the Board improve communications with all District stakeholders?

Informal occasions to meet with stakeholders, will offer opportunities to build connections and foster relationships, especially for new board members. Communication should always be honest and transparent. I believe Pegge Erkeneff's communication efforts in recent years, through social media and the district's website, have been outstanding. Continuing to find more ways to share positive, concrete data, to tell the stories of the many successes our students are achieving, will increase positive public perception.

Please tell us anything else you'd like to share.

My experiences as student, teacher, education support staff, and building staff afford me unique ability to support all students and all schools. I will base decisions on fairness and the potential for positive student outcomes. If appointed to this board, it would be a great honor to represent the Cooper Landing, Hope, Moose Pass, and Seward schools in District 6.

Interviews with the Board of Education will occur on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019. The successful applicant will take the Oath of Office and be seated during the meeting.