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Mayor

July 10, 2020

Dr. Michael Johnson  
Alaska Dept. of Education & Early Development  
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Juneau, AK 99811-0500

**Re: Kachemak Selo New K-12 School Construction, DEED #GR-17-001**

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough formally requests from DEED an extension to provide the required participating share before July 1, 2026. (AS.14.11.008(g)).

The qualified voters did not approve the Proposition No. 1, "General Obligation Bonds to Pay the Local Required Match Portion of the Costs of the Kachemak-Selo New K-12 School" for the borough election held October 2, 2018. Post-election, the administration, working collaboratively with the school district, intended to introduce another proposition regarding general obligation bonds for school properties that included the match requirement for this project. However due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, both administrations agreed that introducing a bond proposition in light of the devastating economic decline impacting the state was not advisable for the October 6, 2020 borough election.

The Borough meets the requirements of AS 14.11.008(g)(1)-(4) for a time extension to provide the participating share for the Kachemak-Selo school project. Good cause for an extension exists, as such it would be reasonable to have additional time to pursue funding options. It is reasonable to expect that the participating share will be secured within the additional time requested in this letter.

It is the Borough's intent to provide a quality facility for the K-12 students in Kachemak-Selo. Should you need additional information, please contact Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager at (907)714-2153 or bahlberg@kpb.us.

Respectfully,

Charlie Pierce  
Mayor

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John O'Brien, KPBSD Superintendent  
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Kevin Lyon, KPBSD Planning & Operations Director  
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