



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education

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Dear Governor Dunleavy:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) has always been very proactive and highly responsible regarding financial issues. We have also worked diligently to keep cuts as far away from the classroom as possible. Estimated student count data that was collected and submitted in November 2019 would be extremely beneficial data to use for Fiscal Year 2021 in order to fund K-12 Public Education. Use of this 2019 student count data allocates the funding and gives the KPBSD the ability to continue to provide a sustainable educational funding source.

If the district is not able to use the November 2019 student count data in determining the amount of state aid the district receives for Fiscal Year 2021, the number of potential resources the district will be able to fund and maintain could be greatly impacted.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the KPBSD has developed flexible plans that allow teaching and learning to continue throughout the 2020-21 school year under several learning models. KPBSD is also offering varying delivery options for families to consider, including on-site learning at neighborhood schools, at-home (remote) learning, and local correspondence study.

Funding uncertainty complicates planning efforts and could likely limit the KPBSD's ability to provide essential services amid the pandemic.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education respectfully supports the State's use of the estimated student count data, submitted November 2019, in determining the amount of state aid KPBSD would receive under the public education funding program for Fiscal year 2021.

Sincerely,

Penny Vadla, President  
Board of Education