

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution 21-22-2

**A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING PROJECTS AND REQUESTING THE
SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS THE QUESTION OF THE
ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED
FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,550,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF 2023 EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH AT AN ELECTION ON OCTOBER 4,
2022.**

- WHEREAS,** School District staff and administration met with Borough staff and administration to develop the list of School Capital Projects for the purpose of requesting voter approval in the October 4, 2022 election; and
- WHEREAS,** The Board of Education and the Borough Assembly met in a joint work session on March 14, 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** in collaboration, the Borough and School District identified twelve school projects as priority and critical to maintaining and improving key infrastructure for both community and educational needs; and
- WHEREAS,** site improvements are needed at Homer High School to maintain building integrity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nikiski and Seward High School tracks surface and base asphalt have exceeded their useful life and are now deteriorating, and artificial turf will enable the school district and community greater utilization than natural turf without risking damage; and
- WHEREAS,** the roofs at the following schools in the Kenai Peninsula Borough are at the end of their useful life: Mountain View Elementary, Nikiski North Star Elementary, and Hope School; and
- WHEREAS,** a feasibility study was completed for Soldotna area schools that indicated the need for replacement of the 62-year-old Soldotna Elementary school and relocation of the District office, River City Academy, Soldotna Montessori, Connections Home School to the former Soldotna Prep facility and necessary improvements required to meet educational requirements, alleviate overcrowding in the Borough Administration Building and extend the life of the facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the exterior building envelope is failing at Soldotna High School and repair of the building envelope will extend the life of the facilities and reduce energy consumption; and
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WHEREAS, educational improvement projects are needed at Kenai Middle School and Kenai Central High School to more adequately serve the student population and the community; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the KPB/KPBSD maintenance shop will improve maintenance efficiency and allow for additional maintenance of our schools and equipment; and

WHEREAS, school traffic patterns have changed with an increase of student drop off by parents rather than buses, resulting in the backup of traffic onto adjacent roads and highways, the district has prioritized a number of these sites Chapman School, Homer Middle School, Kenai Middle School and Mountain View Elementary; and

WHEREAS, it is expected the estimated cost of these capital improvements will not exceed sixty-five million five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$65,550,000);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Section 1, That the Board of Education supports the school district and Borough administrator's efforts to seek funding for these capital improvements.

Section 2, That the Board of Education requests the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly place the 2023 Educational Capital Improvements Bond on the ballot and seek voter approval at an election in and for the Kenai Peninsula Borough on October 4, 2022.

Section 3, That a copy of this resolution shall be given to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly.

**Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education
this 1st day May of 2022.**

Zen Kelly, President
Board of Education
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Attest:
Lisa Gabriel
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My Commission Expires 04/23/2024