



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Board of Education Candidate Application
 District 5 Sterling/Funny River
Application deadline: September 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Submit application to:

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
 Board President Zen Kelly
 C/O Nikkol Sipes, Board Administrative Assistant
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Date 09-26-22

Name Margaret A Erkeneff [REDACTED]
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 Physical City Zip

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 Work _____

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>
State of Alaska Fish & Game Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee	At-Large Seat	2008-2014
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Education/Training/Certificates/Awards/Honors

BA, University of Irvine, California, English, 1994
 Formation Program for Spiritual Directors, 1997 / through Center for Spirituality at Work/DePaul University
 Restorative Justice Facilitator Training; Catholic Biblical School graduate; ALICE Train-The Trainer;
 Sources of Strength facilitator training; Mental Health First Aid; ICS-300; ICS-100; ICS-200; IS-00800.b.

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

My lifelong work with youth, knowledge and relationships on the Kenai Peninsula and KPBSD, in Alaska, together with my communication skills - listening deeply, empathy, inquisitive mind, and speaking and writing - will be an asset to the Board of Education, and to the communities where I serve and live. My commitment to education, and to be at cause for what I believe in will assist in the success of students, staff and families.

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

Increase family and community involvement and relationships with schools
Opportunities for teens in workforce development, certifications while in high school for both college and career tracks
Social and emotional wellness for all students and staff, together with suicide prevention, and restorative practices in schools

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

Competitive compensation for staff, class sizes, opportunities for student learning.
Sustainable, realistic budget with revenue from state, borough, and federal funds to offer financial stability and reliability for staffing and successful outcomes.

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

Offer regular public gatherings (Key Communicators in past) to listen and dialogue with parents, community partners, staff, and district leadership
Highlight articles to share about important celebrations, and issues
Regular visits to schools and community events. Be present. Meet people and listen.

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

This application is very short, to meet the deadline. With the unexpected vacancy, I will bring experience, communication skills, and my deep commitment to meeting every child where they are, to assist them to be successful. As an advocate for families and staff, and work within policy and best practices, I bring a willingness to be a fierce advocate for education in our borough, state, and nation.

Interviews with the Board of Education will occur on Monday, October 3, 2022. The successful applicant will take the Oath of Office and be seated during the meeting.