



## Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Provisions

1. Provide the name of the charter school and the name, address, and phone number of a legally designated person authorized to act for the charter school.

### Homer Forest School

*Legally Designated Authorizer:* Hanna Young (APC Chair), 59870 Kittiwake Ct, Homer, AK 99603

2. Provide a description of the need for the charter school and how that need was established. Include evidence of the number of parents, teachers, and students who support the formation of the proposed charter school. The description shall include where the students are currently attending school.

The purpose of Homer Forest School is to provide families in and around Homer, Alaska with an alternative, public school choice for their children, from Kindergarten through 8th grade, and that is grounded in the school day happening primarily while outdoors.

Over 100 community members, educators or families have expressed interest thus far by attending informational meetings, work meetings, or formally joining the APC as voting members. Interested individuals with school-aged children are currently attending neighborhood schools in the Homer area or homeschooled. Many interested families also have younger children who are not yet of school age. 96 school-age children are currently listed on the Enrollment Interest Form, which was released to the community on September 28, 2022. *See attached list for more details.* Below is the breakdown for interested students based on the proposed Model A Enrollment of 76 students for Year 1. Model A serves students in Kindergarten through 4th grade in a full-time day program, and Kindergarten through 8th grade in the Blended Learning Model.

<i>Number of Students on Interest List</i>	<i>Entering Grade in Fall 2023</i>	<i>Entering Age-Pod in Fall 2023</i>	<i>Enrollment Cap</i>	<i>Blended Learning Interest (CAP:14)</i>
37	Kindergarten	K	14	17
10	1st	1-2	24	5
12	2nd	1-2		9
10	3rd	3-4	24	3
6	4th	3-4		1
1	5th	Blended Only in Year 1 K-8 CAP: 14		1
11	6th			4
7	7th			3
2	8th			2
<i>Total: 96</i>	–		76	45



In a community with a variety of educational opportunities for children of many ages, Homer Forest School hopes to offer a unique and effective way of engaging and educating young children in an outdoor-centric manner. Additionally, Homer Forest School will provide families with adolescents entering middle school years with an alternative choice. Apart from homeschooling, an alternative choice for 7th and 8th grade currently does not exist in this community.

Homer Forest School fills a need in the community for a schoolday that takes place outside of the traditional classroom, nurturing student-centered pedagogy and direct connections to family and community partnerships. The school will provide an alternative setting for middle school-aged students, and an option for homeschooling families to participate in a Blended Learning Program environment.

**3. State the geographic description of the area of intended service.**

The designated location of Homer Forest School will be in the City of Homer or surrounding areas.

**4. Describe the proposed student transportation system including the contract if services will be provided by a second party.**

See *Section 8*: Transportation

**5. Provide a summary of insurance coverage for protecting the District against liability and accident losses in the amount of \$1,000,000. Include a provision by which the Applicant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, its Board members, employees, and agents from any liability arising through the actions and inactions of the applicant, its Academic Policy Committee, teachers, employees, volunteers, and students.**

Homer Forest School will pursue an insurance coverage quote in the amount of \$1,000,000 in the coming months. We contacted RISQ Consulting of Anchorage and requested an application for a policy. RISQ provides policies for seven Alaskan charter schools. Completion of the application is contingent on the forthcoming details of our facility (lease vs own).

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**6. Provide any additional information that you feel might be helpful in supporting your desire to establish a charter school.**

Please review the Homer Forest School Charter Application for a complete proposal of the charter school establishment.