



## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Pat Sidmore  
Program Coordinator II  
State of Alaska  
Department of Education & Early Development

Re: Letter of Intent/Support

Dear Pat,

On behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD), I am pleased to express our strong support for the State of Alaska Department of Education & Early Development's (DEED) grant proposal to the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the FY25 STOP School Violence Program. Under your leadership and through the work of the School Health, Safety, and Alternative Education team, I am confident this initiative will make a substantial impact on improving school safety across Alaska by creating and providing resources that prevent and reduce violence in our schools.

As Superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, I see the ongoing need for strong, coordinated efforts that promote safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for students and staff. KPBSD is committed to advancing best practices in behavioral threat assessment, positive behavioral interventions, and collaboration with community partners and law enforcement to ensure early identification, intervention, and prevention of potential safety risks.

KPBSD intends to participate as an active partner in this initiative by participating in training opportunities and contributing to the statewide community of practice for school safety and wellbeing. Our district will also work alongside DEED and other partners—including SERRC, Homeland Security, Public Safety, and local providers—to expand access to mental health supports, integrate PBIS and MTSS practices, and enhance systems for anonymous reporting.

The objectives outlined in this proposal align closely with our district's strategic plan, which prioritizes safe, healthy, and trauma-engaged schools. We recognize that preventing school violence requires a coordinated, multi-tiered approach—one that empowers students, staff, and communities to recognize, respond to, and prevent acts of violence. This initiative directly supports that mission.

I strongly encourage the Bureau of Justice Assistance to fund DEED's STOP School Violence proposal. This investment will not only strengthen school safety systems across Alaska but also create sustainable, statewide capacity for prevention, intervention, and recovery. KPBSD stands ready to support this important work and collaborate in ensuring its success.

Thank you for considering my endorsement. Please feel free to reach out if additional information or support from KPBSD would be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clayton Holland". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Clayton Holland  
Superintendent