

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget

Add the following language to KPBSD 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget as guidance from the Board to the Administration to amend the 2026-27 (FY27) Budget once the Kenai Peninsula Borough successfully increases the Local Contribution as detailed below.

It is the intent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education that the FY2026–2027 (FY27) budget provide the highest quality learning environments for all students and support the KPBSD Strategic Plan in supporting students in life success.

For FY26, the Borough initially budgeted \$57,634,015 in support of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District; however, the final approved amount was \$62,359,080, exceeding the original budget.

For FY27, District Administration has projected Borough support at \$59,074,865 based on anticipated funding levels, representing a 2.5% increase over the FY26 initial budget.

It is our request that the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly and Borough Mayor successfully approve appropriation of at least \$62,359,080, to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for operational purposes and in-kind services. This action would provide at least \$3.28 million in essential funding to support the District’s mission.

We are committed to using this revenue in alignment with Board goals and policies to reduce class sizes, retain our highly regarded educators, and support the effective, valued programs our community relies on.

In closing, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education respectfully appeals to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to approve a local contribution of at least \$62,359,080 prior to the July 15, 2026 deadline for submission of a finalized budget to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. Should this action be taken, District Administration will amend the FY2026–2027 (FY27) budget to include the investments outlined in Attachment A.

Attachment A

Description
Reverse – Elimination of Librarian-Certified Salaries/Benefits
Reverse – High School PTR increase (PTR 1:33 = Plus 1)
Reverse – Middle School PTR increase (PTR 1:28 = Plus 1)
Reverse – Elementary Schools K-6 (>=250 students) PTR increase (PTR Plus 2)
Reverse – Elementary Schools K-6 (100-250 students) PTR increase (PTR 1:23.5 = Plus 2)
Reverse – Small Schools (<200 students) PTR increase (PTR Plus 2)