



# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Commissioner Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D.

P.O. Box 110500

Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Commissioner Bishop,

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District respectfully submits this letter as a formal notice of intent to modify the grade configuration at Marathon School.

1. **Marathon Alternative School (School Number 247050):**

The current grade configuration is grades 7–12. The district is requesting approval to expand the grade configuration to grades 5–12.

2. **Supporting Documentation from the Department of Juvenile Justice:**

The Department of Juvenile Justice outlines that a probation officer may file a petition in the following circumstances, with prior documented approval from the Chief Probation Officer and the Statewide Probation Chief:

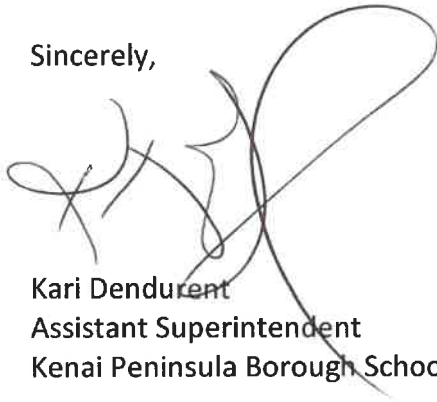
- When requesting authorization to file a petition to waive a youth to adult jurisdiction, and the youth is not subject to mandatory waiver requirements under AS 47.12.030(a).
- When requesting authorization to file a petition for adjudication of delinquency for an individual aged 18 or older who remains under juvenile jurisdiction pursuant to AS 47.12.020(b), for an offense committed while under the age of 18, and within the applicable statute of limitations under AS 12.10.
- When the youth is under 12 years of age and the probation officer can demonstrate that filing a petition is appropriate.

3. **The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education is scheduled to take action on this request at its next regular meeting on May 4, 2026.**

We acknowledge that the deadline for the Fall 2026 OASIS student count was September 29; however, this request is being submitted in response to recent incidents necessitating this adjustment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kari Dendurent', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Kari Dendurent  
Assistant Superintendent  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District