



2016

2017

# ANNUAL REPORT

ONE DISTRICT: FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS



## VISION

KPBSD will inspire all learners to pursue their dreams in a rigorous, relevant, and responsive environment.

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## MESSAGE FROM SEAN DUSEK SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

We are pleased to present KPBSD's 2016-2017 Annual Report. This publication is an opportunity to step back and review last year's accomplishments and highlights, celebrate areas of excellence, and share plans for the new school year.

Our printed report is shorter than in years past. We are in the process of shifting to an online environment as we become more efficient as an organization. Visit our website and digital platforms for a full magazine expanded with greater details, stories, and highlights.

Our district wants all students to be problem solvers, critical thinkers, collaborative and creative. In order to accomplish that, we are improving how we personalize learning to provide a wide array of highly engaging experiences for all students. We will leverage technology to meet student strengths and interests. Students will take greater ownership of their learning and apply content outside of the classroom. Learning is a 24/7 endeavor and we will help students answer the question, "What problem do you want to solve in your lifetime?"

I am honored to serve as KPBSD's superintendent and look forward to another excellent year as we provide an excellent education, every day, to every student.

*Sean Dusek*



Our district will be guided by the 4R's: **Ready, Rigor, Relevance, Responsive.** Within each principle are transformative concepts to support students to answer the question, **"What problem will you solve in your lifetime?"**

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2022

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will empower all learners to positively shape their future. This mission was developed for our district over the 2016-2017 school year. The new long-term strategic plan is designed to transform the educational experiences for all students. Embedded within this strategic plan is the concept of all students graduating from KPBSD prepared for their future. The foundation for this is a strong, positive relationship with each individual student to facilitate a high quality, engaging educational experience.





## AVERAGE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH KPBSD

Teachers ..... **9 YEARS**  
Support staff ..... **8 YEARS**



## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Every school day, more than **2,325** students are transported a total of nearly **7,728** miles on school buses throughout the district.



## STAFFING RATIOS

### TYPE OF SCHOOL AND PUPIL-TEACHER-RATIO

**20.5:1** Elementary schools with more than 250 enrolled students: **KINDERGARTEN**

**22.5:1** Elementary schools with more than 250 enrolled students: **GRADES 1-3**

**24.5:1** Elementary schools with more than 250 enrolled students: **GRADES 4-6**

**19.5:1** Elementary small schools with 100 to 250 enrolled students: **GRADES K-6**

**25.0:1** **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**

**17.5:1** Small schools with less than 200 enrolled students: **GRADES K-6**

Small schools with less than 200 enrolled students: **GRADES 7-12**



## HOMELESS

In May, 2017, **251** KPBSD students were identified as homeless and receiving services through our Students In Transition program.



## STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES (SNS)

SNS served:

Lunches ..... **419,676**  
Breakfasts ..... **144,277**  
After School Snacks ..... **2,557**  
Total meals & snacks served.. **566,510**



## 2016-2017 ENROLLMENT

Preschool ..... **245**  
Kindergarten-6th grade ..... **4,743**  
7th-8th grade ..... **1,354**  
9th-12th grade ..... **2,597**  
Total enrollment for 2016-2017 school year ..... **8,938**



## DISTRICT SIZE

The school district has a total of **44** schools and at **25,600** square miles covers a land area roughly the size of West Virginia.



## PERSONNEL

District administration .. **14**  
Building administration **40**  
Certified staff ..... **661**  
Support staff ..... **500**  
Total ..... **1,215**



**#THANKYOU TO 3,512 KPBSD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS IN 2016-2017!**



## PERSONALIZED LEARNING

Personalized learning structures schools, classrooms, and instruction so we can better respond to the individual needs of students, instead of expecting students to fit the current mold or adapt to structures that may not be successful for them. Many of our teachers implement elements of personalized learning in their classrooms right now. Key elements include:

- **Integrated Digital Content**  
Digital content that allows for a differentiated path and pace
- **Targeted Instruction**  
Instruction aligned to specific student needs and learning goals
- **Data Driven Decisions**  
Frequent data collection that informs instructional decisions and groupings
- **Student Reflection and Ownership**  
Ongoing student reflection that promotes ownership of learning

The modern concept of personalized learning leverages technology tools, classroom organization, student ownership, and redefines the terms teaching and learning to help educators truly meet the individual needs of students in their classrooms. Visit the new PL Blog with timeline and FAQs <http://pl.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/>



<http://bit.ly/PLinKPBSD>

### SIENNA GRIGGS MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY, 4TH GRADE TEACHER

I define personalized learning as the ability of a student to have self-directed choice in what and how he or she is going to learn; a sense of ownership over their education. While I am still learning about personalizing, I experimented with several elements of personalization in my classroom this past year. Think Kaladi Brothers, soup and salad bar, and treadmill. Read the story online.



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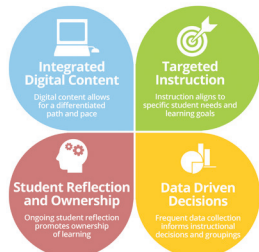
### MEREDITH MCCULLOUGH KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLISH TEACHER

Perhaps the greatest benefit of personalized learning and standards-based grading is increased student autonomy. My students are eager, capable, and hungry to earn respect by proving themselves to the world. Channeling this passion and energy is a continual challenge, but drives me to become a more effective educator. I refuse to allow students' full potential to go untapped.



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#### THE CORE FOUR ELEMENTS OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING



## AIMSWEB

KPBSD students did very well in the Aimsweb Nationally Normed Benchmark assessments. The students in grades one through five showed tremendous growth in both reading and math. In the spring Test of Oral Reading measure, 76% of KPBSD students scored at or above the average range. In the Math Concepts and Applications measure, over 77% of KPBSD students scored at or above the average range in the spring.



KPBSD AWARDED 608 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS IN 2016-2017!

## KPBSD CLASS OF 2017

Read profile stories online #inspire <http://bit.ly/ClassOf2017KPBSD>



**PATRICK NAPIER**

Connections Homeschool

<http://bit.ly/2uEwirL>



**LARION KUZMIN**

Homer Flex School

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**JUAN SARMIENTO**

Homer High School

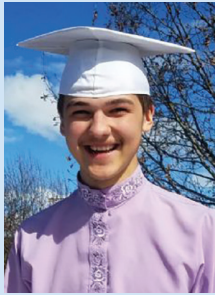
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**BEN PECK**

Hope School

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**AZARY REUTOV**

Kachemak-Selo School

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**EMILY KOZICZKOWSKI**

Kenai Central High School

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**TERENCE PAUL SWENNING**

Nanwalek School

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**VERA FEFELOV**

Nikolaevsk School

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**MICHALE MEYERS**

Nikiski Middle-High School

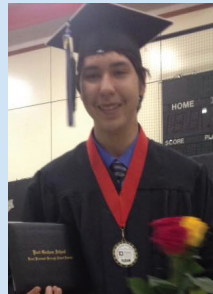
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**MIKAYLA CLARK**

Ninilchik School

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**RICK JAGER**

Port Graham School

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**IZABEAU STALKFLEET PEARSTON**

River City Academy

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**LOGAN SMITH**

Seward High School

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**JACKSON BLACKWELL**

Soldotna High School

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**GAVIN ELVSAA**

Susan B. English School

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**DAVID KALUGIN**

Voznesenka School

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## MESSAGE FROM JOE ARNESS PRESIDENT, KPBSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

As we look forward to a new year, I want to reiterate what an honor and privilege it is to be associated with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and all of its students, employees, and community. This district sets the standard for organizational excellence and student achievement for the State of Alaska. All of us who are involved can and should be proud to be associated with such a fine organization. This past year has been fiscally challenging as the State of Alaska tries to figure out its financial situation—and this coming year promises to have challenges as well! I am confident that the District will continue unabated with its leadership, its excellent offerings, and its stellar staff making the KPBSD a great place to be!



## KPBSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Joe Arness, *President*, District 3, Nikiski
- Marty Anderson, District 5, Sterling/Funny River
- Dan Castimore, District 1, Kalifornsky
- Bill Holt, *Clerk*, District 7, Kasilof/Central
- Lynn Hohl, District 6, Seward/East Peninsula
- John Kelly, *Treasurer*, District 9, South Peninsula
- Mike Illg, District 8, Homer
- Tim Navarre, District 2, Kenai
- Penny Vadla, *Vice-President*, District 4, Soldotna
- Brian Dusek, *Student Representative*

## GOALS 2017-2018

- Funding Public Education
- Connecting with staff and students
- Promote a shared value and responsibility for the process of education throughout the school district

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

July 10, 2017	January 15, 2018
August 7, 2017	February 5, 2018
September 11, 2017	March 5, 2018
(Homer)	April 2, 2018
October 16, 2017	May 7, 2018
November 6, 2017	(Seward)
December 4, 2017	June 4, 2018

In addition to the business meeting listed above, the Board will hold quarterly worksessions.



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## CELEBRATING KPBSD STAFF #EXCELLENCE



### **JAMES HARRIS** 2017 ALASKA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

"I look at the profession of teaching as one of the most vital and important jobs in our country and I really hope to represent Alaska teachers and all they strive for!"



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### **STEPHANIE CRONIN** 2017 ALTERNATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Cronin says her greatest contribution to education is her impact on students, which is based on respectful, close relationships. Her passion is to show students the beauty and possibilities of mathematics.



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**"This is the State  
Championship of  
teaching!"**

**We are excited and  
humbled to have two of  
our teachers recognized  
as the best in our state!"**

-Sean Dusek, Superintendent



### **ROB SPARKS** 2017 ALASKA STUDIES EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

"Teaching Alaska Studies is so relevant because we are such a young state that many of the issues from Statehood are still issues today...so you can study the present to understand the past better! The diversity of the state—geographically and culturally is fascinating for students to discover since many of us are not originally from Alaska."



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## **NATALIE KANT & SKYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL RAMP DESIGNATION** **SARA MOORE 2016 ALASKA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR**



## **BP TEACHERS OF EXCELLENCE**

KPBSD celebrates Stephanie Cronin, 2017 Kenai BP Teacher of the Year, our five BP Teachers of Excellence, and new this year, the BP Educational Ally award recipient.

 <http://bit.ly/2eV7vJA>

L-R, Sean Dusek, Superintendent; Stephanie Cronin; Meredith McCullough; Jonathan Dillon; Barbara "Bobbi" Larrivee; Stan Bennion, Vice President of Human Resources, BP Alaska  
front: Karl Kircher; Colby Way

# 2016-2017 LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Sean Dusek, Superintendent
- Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Support
- John O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
- Julie Cisco, Planning and Operations Director
- Pegge Erkeneff, Communications Liaison
- Christine Ermold, Human Resources and Professional Development Director
- Elizabeth Hayes, Finance Director
- Clayton Holland, Pupil Services Director
- John Pothast, Elementary and Secondary Education Director
- Eric Soderquist, Information Services Director
- Tim Vlasak, K-12 Schools, Curriculum, Assessment, and Federal Programs Director



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### DOLLARS & CENTS WITH ON-BEHALF



- \$0.73 Salaries and benefits
- \$0.06 TRS/PERS On-Behalf
- \$0.08 Discretionary accounts
- \$0.07 In-kind services
- \$0.05 Utilities
- \$0.01 Transfers
- = \$1.00 from 2016-2017 General Fund (FY17)

### KPBSD KEY COMMUNICATORS



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A network of parents, community members, students, and staff interested in our schools collaborate to cultivate positive relationships with the school district and in our diverse communities. Become involved, call or inquire online.



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