

Dear Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District,

Attached you will find our *Intent to Develop a Charter School* form, formally stating our plan to convert Soldotna Elementary School to a charter school. We want to be clear this is not a proposal to develop an additional charter school, but for Soldotna Elementary to become a charter school under the same name and continue serving the entire existing student community within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Our values and school mission will include teaching students to work hard and achieve at the highest levels, regardless of disability, income level, or family background. Recognizing that students begin with diverse needs and strengths, we are focused on strengthening academic growth through strong foundations in core reading, writing, and math. Our priority is to ensure all students are well prepared for continued academic success. We will also strive to provide an educational experience that is responsive to our students, our community, and stakeholder needs.

In the coming months, we will be putting together our full application and gathering feedback from families currently enrolled (or soon to enroll) at Soldotna Elementary. We believe charter status will provide the structure, flexibility, and accountability needed to carry out our mission and vision in a clear and sustained way.

We look forward to working closely with fellow parents, district leadership, Soldotna Elementary staff, and community members to ensure our application reflects the priorities of the Soldotna Elementary School Community. We encourage you to visit our next feedback session scheduled on Tuesday, January 6th at 3:45 pm at Soldotna Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Kaiti and Tate Syverson
Soldotna Elementary School Parents

Ben and Megan Cheah
Soldotna Elementary School Parents

T'essa Blossom
Soldotna Elementary Staff

Brittany Scott
Soldotna Elementary School Parent

Narrative Description of Organization, Operation, and Educational Program

Organization

Soldotna Elementary School is proposing to become a conversion charter school within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and will continue serving its current student population. The school will be governed by an Academic Policy Committee (APC), as required under Alaska charter school law. The APC will work closely with district leadership, school administration, and families to guide academic decision-making, support the school's mission and goals, and provide oversight. Additional details regarding governance roles and responsibilities will be developed as part of the full charter application.

Operation

As a charter school, Soldotna Elementary will remain a public school within the district and continue to follow district policies and state requirements. Charter status is intended to provide the school with greater flexibility at the school level, along with clear accountability, to better support its mission. Operational planning, including how decisions are made and how families are engaged, will continue through collaboration with staff, families, and other stakeholders and will be further outlined in the full application.

Educational Program

The educational program at Soldotna Elementary will focus on strong core instruction in reading, writing, and math, with an emphasis on academic growth for all students. We recognize that students come to school with different strengths and needs, and the program will be designed to maintain high expectations while supporting equity and continued progress. The school's approach will reflect a commitment to whole-child, community-centered learning, supporting students academically while also strengthening their connection to school and community. More detailed information about curriculum, instruction, and assessment will be included in the full charter application.

Initial Academic Policy Committee Membership

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