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September 14, 2026

Clayton Holland, Superintendent
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
148 N Binkley St
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Mr. Holland,

The department has received the application for the Aurora Borealis Charter School (249010) in the Kenai community to include ninth and tenth grades. In accordance with AS 14.14.120 & 4 AAC 05.090, the Department of Education & Early Development conditionally approves of the grade change for the following charter school, pending approval of the application change by the State Board of Education at its October 13-14, 2026 meeting:

School	Grade Currently Served	Grade Change eff. FY2027
Aurora Borealis Charter	K-8	K-10

Please make the necessary updates when reporting these students in the upcoming Fall 2026 OASIS.

If there are any further questions, please contact Jared De Lara, School Finance Specialist II, at (907) 269-6607. Your dedication to education and the children of Alaska is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Deena M. Bishop".

Deena M. Bishop, E.d. D.
Commissioner

cc: Jared De Lara, School Finance Specialist II