



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD), I am pleased to offer this letter in support of Chugachmiut's application to the Alaska Rural Health Transformation Program. Chugachmiut, in partnership with Project GRAD Kenai Peninsula, proposes to strengthen youth mental health and wellness in schools and communities across the Chugach region, including Port Graham and Nanwalek.

Our schools are often the first place where a student's struggles become visible, through changes in attendance, behavior or engagement. In our rural and remote communities, however, behavioral health services are frequently far away, and school staff do not always have a clear path for connecting students and families to the help they need. Reaching students early, before a crisis, is essential to their wellbeing and their success in school.

The proposed project would bring prevention-focused mental health support into local schools, provide training that helps teachers, school staff and families recognize and respond to students in distress, and strengthen connections between schools and Chugachmiut's behavioral health services. By building these skills and relationships within our schools and communities, the project aims to create lasting benefits for students and families well beyond the grant period.

Chugachmiut has a long-standing commitment to the health and wellbeing of the people of the Chugach region, and Project GRAD Kenai Peninsula has worked alongside rural Kenai Peninsula schools and families for more than 20 years. We believe this partnership is well positioned to make a meaningful difference for our students.

KPBSD supports this effort and encourages your favorable consideration of Chugachmiut's application.

Sincerely,


Clayton Holland
Superintendent

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is supporting students in life success.

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