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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Appreciate School Counselors

Soldotna, February 4, 2013—Kenai Peninsula Borough School District celebrates our seventeen certified school counselors who serve approximately 4,100 middle and high school students. Governor Parnell proclaimed February 4-8, 2013, “Alaska School Counseling Week” joining the national celebration of school counseling, and the 2013 theme: “School Counseling: Liberty and Learning for All.”

“It is a pleasure to recognize the professionalism and critical work of our school counselors,” said John O’Brien, the KPBSD director of secondary education. “Our students are well served by this group of dedicated professionals who ensure that their academic, social-emotional, and future college and career planning needs are met.”

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), is celebrated February 4–8, 2013, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within school systems in the United States, and how students are different as a result of the work of school counselors. National School Counseling Week highlights the valuable contribution school counselors can make to help students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Several KPBSD school counselors responded to the question, “What is most meaningful to you regarding your work as a school counselor?” Their responses are in this KPBSD web highlight story: [“Appreciate School Counselors.”](#)

Dr. Steve Atwater, KPBSD superintendent said, “I am pleased that our counselors are playing such an important role in the development and facilitation of career pathways for our high school students. This exposure to applied learning through our pathways is invaluable for our students.”

Governor [Sean Parnell proclaimed](#), “...WHEREAS, school counselors are an integral part of the educational process and work closely with teachers, administrators, fellow educators, and parents to assist students in exploring their potential and setting realistic academic and career goals; and ...

WHEREAS, this year’s theme, “Liberty and Learning for All,” highlights the profound impact school counselors may have on the lives of their students as they help students succeed academically and socially....”

Links

Governor Parnell Proclamation: [“Alaska School Counseling Week”](#)
KPBSD highlight story, [“Appreciate School Counselors”](#)
[National School Counseling Week](#)

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