

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Certified		
Date:	June 3, 2013	Item Number:	10a.(8)
Administrator:	Tim Peterson, Director, Human Resources Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent		
Attachments:	Letter of Request for Leave of Absence		

Action Needed **For Discussion** **Information** **Other:** _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name	Position	Location
Sheryl Sotelo	6th Grade Teacher	McNeil Canyon Elementary School, effective the 2013-14 school year

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the above request for an unpaid leave of absence be approved.

May 17, 2013

Dear Tim Peterson and KPBSD School Board,

I am a teacher at McNeil Canyon Elementary School and I am writing this letter to request an unpaid leave of absence for the 2013-2014 school year. I was recently awarded an Einstein Educator Fellowship in Washington D.C. which will begin in August 2013 and conclude in July 2014. I will be serving as an educational advisor for the National Science Foundation.

Along with this opportunity to offer my perspective as a classroom teacher on educational programs, resources, and policy, I will also have a chance for tremendous professional development opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, or the STEM areas. It is my intention to return to the district and bring these experiences with me to share with my students and other educators at the district, state, and national levels.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I have attached the award letter and press release that was sent to me by the Triangle Coalition which oversees this program.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Sotelo

Sixth Grade Teacher

McNeil Canyon Elementary School

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "24 MAY 13".