

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 2, 2009

TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Tim Peterson, Director, Human Resources  
THROUGH: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent  
SUBJECT: Approval of Resignations -Item 11 a (4)

It is recommended the following resignations be approved:

Donna Peterson, ED.D.	Superintendent	Effective June 30, 2009
Cheryl Schweigert	Principal/Teacher	Nanwalek Elementary/High, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year
Elisabeth Feeley	Resource	Soldotna Elementary, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year
Allan Howard	Asst. Principal	Soldotna High School, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year
Charlie Walsworth	Principal	West Homer Elementary, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year

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DONNA PETERSON, ED.D.

January 15, 2009

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, President  
Board of Education  
148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Dear President Crawford:

After ten years as the proud superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, I plan to retire from the position at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, effective June 30, 2009.

In 1989, I did not anticipate staying in Alaska for more than two years. In 1999, when chosen as superintendent, I did not anticipate being in the role more than two or three years. I would like to thank the board, staff, parents, students, communities, and business partners for the opportunity to serve. The experiences I've had have been the highlight of my professional career.

The timing is appropriate as the district is in a very good place to transition to a new superintendent. High expectations permeate the leadership of the organization and the currently assembled administrative team is outstanding. Processes have been put in place over the past decade to assure opportunities for all students. After receiving the Adequate Yearly Progress designation two years in a row, time and resources are now able to be shifted from strict compliance to attention on effective instruction and school climate. Additionally, the efforts for improved statewide funding for education on the peninsula have begun to pay dividends.

A worksession will be scheduled on February 2, 2009, to discuss implications of this change. Again, thank you so much for this opportunity to work with you over the years to make KPBSD the incredible school district it is.

Respectfully,

*Donna Peterson*

Donna Peterson, Ed.D.

Cc: School Board Members  
Human Resources Department



*Donna Peterson*  
15 JAN 09

Soldotna, AK 99669  
January 9, 2009

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board  
Tim Peterson, Personnel  
148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Dr. Peterson:

Thank you for the opportunity to work as the principal/teacher in Nanwalek. It has been a privilege I have really enjoyed. The staff, students, and village are all working very hard to meet increasingly higher standards, and it is an honor to have been a small part of that engagement. However, as previously discussed, I am retired and have made commitments in other parts of my life that are not allowed when working full-time. I hope this early resignation allows adequate time to find someone who will be 1000% committed to building a supportive and cooperative educational environment in Nanwalek.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Schweigert

Cc: Norma Holmgaard  
Clayton Holland



*Donna Peterson*  
10 JAN 09

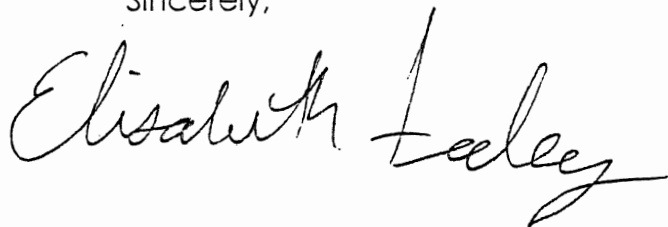
# ELISABETH ALYS FEELEY

To whom it may concern:

I have enjoyed working for Kenai Peninsula Borough School District at Soldotna Elementary for the past three years. However, I will not be returning for the school year 2009-2010 to teach special education.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



**Elisabeth Feeley**

Special Education Resource Teacher

Soldotna Elementary School


162 Park Ave.

Soldotna, AK 99669



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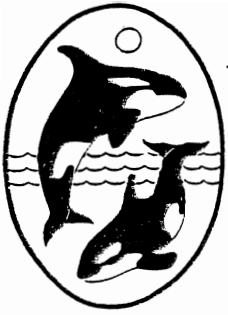
January 15, 2009

To: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent, KPBSD  
From:  Allan L. Howard, Assistant Principal, Soldotna High School  
Subject: Notification of intention to retire

After a tremendous amount of thought, reflection, and prayer, I have decided to retire at the end of the 2008 – 09 school year. Divided between three states I have accrued 31 years of experience in public education. I am most proud of the 23 years spent working for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District as a math & science instructor, coach, and athletic & building administrator. Three daughters, all successful in achieving their post-secondary goals, attest to the effort put forth by this district to prepare our young people for life after high school.

Cc: Todd Syverson





# West Homer Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Charlie Walsworth  
Principal

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December 18, 2008

Tim Peterson  
Human Resources Director  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
148 North Binkley Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Dear Tim Peterson,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I intend to retire at the end of my contract time with the KPBSD in June, 2009.

I have informed Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent, of my intent. She indicated that she and I will work out the details of a transition process for the West Homer Elementary learning community after my return from break in January.

Sincerely,

Charlie Walsworth  
Principal, West Homer Elementary