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Preface

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District consists of 44 school programs spread across 25,600 miles in 21 communities. Each community is unique in its diversity and culture, including four Alaska Native villages with no road access and four Russian village schools. School buses transport approximately 4,000 students each day; traveling more than 7,000 miles daily.

In 1984, **Schooling on the Kenai Peninsula** was published to record the history of schooling on the Kenai Peninsula beginning with the creation of the first school in Hope, Alaska in 1902. However, it soon became apparent that the task was beyond the scope of time necessary to complete such an ambitious undertaking. Therefore, **Schooling on the Kenai Peninsula** became a written record of education on the Kenai beginning with the formation of the Kenai Borough and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in 1964.

In 2009, **Education on the Kenai Peninsula** will continue the historical record from 1986 to 2009. Many significant events have occurred during that 23 years, but none have had a more profound impact on education and communication in the district than the changes brought about by technology. Now schools and students can share resources from one community to another, and experience other communities and the world without leaving their own school. **Education on the Kenai Peninsula** will highlight the most significant events of the last two plus decades, as well as the individuals that contributed their time and effort to support the District.

It is important to note that this entire booklet is a "living document" so additions/changes can be incorporated. Each era review was intended to provide highlights rather than being viewed as comprehensive. Chapter 8 has much more detail than other chapters as access to recent records was easier.

CHAPTER 1



School Board

School Board: 1984-Present

1984		
President	Carolyn Cannava	
Vice President	Debra Mullins	
Clerk/Treasurer	Jerry Hobart	
Treasurer/President	Jane Hammond	
At Large	Wayne Kessler	Mildred Martin
	Joe Harris	
Student Representative	Tim Obendorf	

*Carolyn Cannava resigned on 7/2/84. Linda O'Brien was selected.

1985		
President	Jane Hammond	
Clerk	Debra Mullins	
Treasurer	Jerry Hobart	
At Large	Joe Harris	Wayne Kessler
	Mildred Martin	Darlene Wilder
Student Representative	Darren Oehlerking	

1986		
President	Debra Mullins	
Clerk	Jane Hammond	
Treasurer	Jerry Hobart	
At Large	Joyce Fischer	Joe Harris
	Darlene Wilder	Eric Weatherby
Student Representative	Toni Godes	

1987		
President	Debra Mullins	
Clerk	Mildred Martin	
Treasurer	Jerry Hobart	
At Large	Joyce Fischer	Betty Obendorf
	Eric Weatherby	Darlene Wilder
Student Representative	Susan Hett	

1988		
President	Joyce Fischer	
Vice President	Mildred Martin	
Clerk	Betty Osendorf	
Treasurer	Cliff Massie	
At Large	Marilyn Dimmick	Eric Weatherby
	Michael Wiley	
Student Representative	Kurt Merrick	

1989		
President	Mildred Martin	
Vice President	Marilyn Dimmick	
Clerk	Betty Obendorf	
Treasurer	Cliff Massie	
At Large	Wayne Kessler	Joyce Fischer
	Michael Wiley	
Student Representative	Tod Traugber	

*Wayne Kessler resigned. Mari-Anne Gross was selected on 5/21/1990.

1990		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Marilyn Dimmick	
Clerk	Michael Wiley	
Treasurer	Cliff Massie	
At Large	Joyce Fischer	Wayne Kessler
	Michael Tauriainen	
Student Representative	Chris Strube	

1991		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Marilyn Dimmick	
Clerk	Joyce Fischer	
Treasurer	Cliff Massie	
At Large	Joe Arness	Mari-Anne Gross
	Michael Tauriainen	
Student Representative	Trevor Munger	

1992		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Marilyn Dimmick	
Clerk	Michael Tauriainen	
Treasurer	Cliff Massie	
At Large	Joe Arness	Mari-Anne Gross
	Michael Wiley	
Student Representative	Ryan Rogers	

1993		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Marilyn Dimmick	
Clerk	Michael Tauriainen	
Treasurer	Cliff Massie	
At Large	Joe Arness	Mari-Anne Gross
	Michael Wiley	
Student Representative	Martin Jackson	

1993		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Michael Tauriainen	
Clerk	Michael Wiley	
Treasurer	Joe Arness	
At Large	John Nels Anderson	Mari-Anne Gross
	Emery Thibodeau	
Student Representative	Rick Bell	

1994		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Michael Tauriainen	
Clerk	Michael Wiley	
Treasurer	Joe Arness	
At Large	John Nels Anderson	Mari-Anne Gross
	Emery Thibodeau	
Student Representative	Rick Bell	

1995		
President	Betty Obendorf	
Vice President	Mari-Anne Gross	
Clerk	John Nels Anderson	
Treasurer	Joe Arness	
At Large	Susan Larned	Michael Tauriainen
	Emery Thibodeau	
Student Representative	Mandy Baldwin	

1996		
President	Mari-Anne Gross	
Vice President	Joe Arness	
Clerk	Susan Larned	
Treasurer	Emery Thibodeau	
At Large	John Nels Anderson	Joyce Fischer
	Deborah Germano	
Student Representative	Aubrey Robinson	

1997		
President	Mari-Anne Gross	
Vice President	Joe Arness	
Clerk	Susan Larned	
Treasurer	John Nels Anderson	
At Large	Joyce Fischer	Deborah Germano
	Debra Mullins	
Student Representative	Megan Corazza	

1998		
President	Mari-Anne Gross	
Vice President	Joe Arness	
Clerk	Susan Larned	
Treasurer	Debra Mullins	
At Large	John Nels Anderson	Joyce Fischer
	Deborah Germano	
Student Representative	Danielle Meacham	

1999		
President	Joe Arness	
Vice President	Joe Arness	
Clerk	Susan Larned	
Treasurer	Deborah Germano	
At Large	Mari-Anne Gross	John Nels Anderson
	Sammy Crawford	
Student Representative	Charise Calvert	

*Joyce Fisher resigned. Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford was selected on 6/8/1998

2000		
President	Deborah Germano	
Vice President	Debra Mullins	
Clerk	Susan Larned	
Treasurer	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford	
At Large	Mari-Anne Gross	John Nels Anderson
	Mike Chenault	
Student Representative	Melinda Haring	

2001		
President	Deborah Germano	
Vice President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford	
Clerk	Debra Mullins	
Treasurer	Joe Arness	
At Large	John Nels Anderson	Mike Chenault
	Al Poindexter	
Student Representative	Sara Hart	

2002		
President	John Nels Anderson	
Vice President	Deborah Germano	
Clerk	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford	
Treasurer	Joe Arness	
At Large	Debra Mullins	Margaret Gilman
	Al Poindexter	
Student Representative	Katie Lockwood	

2003		
President	Joe Arness	
Vice President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford	
Clerk	Deborah Germano	
Treasurer	Margaret Gilman	
At Large	Deborah Mullins	Nels Anderson
	Al Pointdexter	
Student Representative	Cameron Poindexter	

2004*				
President	Deborah Germano	Seat 8		
Vice President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford	Seat 1		
Clerk	Nels Anderson	Seat 4		
Treasurer	Margaret Gilman	Seat 2		
At Large	Deborah Mullins	Seat 3	Marty Anderson	Seat 5
	Edith-Helen "Sunni" Hilts	Seat 9	Sandra Wassilie	Seat 6
	Debbie Holle	Seat 7		
Student Representative	Patrick Tilbury			

*Voters changed "at large" representation by seven school board members to a nine-member board mirroring representation of the Borough Assembly

2005				
President	Debra Mullins	Seat 3		
Vice President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford	Seat 1		
Clerk	Sandra Wassilie	Seat 6		
Treasurer	Marty Anderson	Seat 5		
At Large	Margaret Gilman	Seat 2	Deborah Germano	Seat 8
	Edith-Helen "Sunni" Hilts	Seat 9	Nels Anderson	Seat 4
	Debbie (Holle) Brown	Seat 7		
Student Representative	Kelly King			

2006

President	Debra Mullins		Seat 3	
Vice President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford		Seat 1	
Clerk	Sandra Wassilie		Seat 3	
Treasurer	Margaret Gilman		Seat 2	
At Large	Deborah Germano	Seat 8	Marty Anderson	Seat 5
	Edith-Helen "Sunni" Hilts	Seat 9	Nels Anderson	Seat 4
	Debbie (Holle) Brown	Seat 7		
Student Representative	DJ Tyson			

*Margaret Gilman resigned on 10/05 to serve on the Borough Assembly. William Hatch was appointed on 10/26/05.

*Deborah Germano resigned on 10/05 to serve on the Borough Assembly. Elizabeth Downing was appointed on 10/17/05.

2007

President	Debra Mullins		Seat 3	
Vice President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford		Seat 1	
Clerk	Liz Downing		Seat 8	
Treasurer	Marty Anderson		Seat 5	
At Large	Bill Hatch	Seat 2	Lynn Hohl	Seat 6
	Edith-Helen "Sunni" Hilts	Seat 9	Nels Anderson	Seat 4
	Debbie (Holle) Brown	Seat 7		
Student Representative	Lydia Ames			

*Sandra Wassilie resigned effective 10/2/06.

2008

President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford		Seat 1	
Vice President	Liz Downing		Seat 8	
Clerk	Marty Anderson		Seat 5	
Treasurer	Edith-Helen "Sunni" Hilts		Seat 9	
At Large	Nels Anderson	Seat 4	Debra Mullins	Seat 3
	Debbie (Holle) Brown	Seat 7	Bill Hatch	Seat 2
	Lynn Hohl	Seat 6		
Student Representative	Brittany Meyer			

2009

President	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford		Seat 1	
Vice President	Edith-Helen "Sunni" Hilts		Seat 9	
Clerk	Marty Anderson		Seat 5	
Treasurer	Lynn Hohl		Seat 6	
At Large	Joe Arness	Seat 3	Liz Downing	Seat 8
	Bill Hatch	Seat 2	Bill Holt	Seat 7
	Penny (Karen) Vadla	Seat 4		
Student Representative	Theresa Ramponi			

2010

President	Joe Arness		Seat 3	
Vice President	Liz Downing		Seat 8	
Clerk	Edith Helen "Sunni" Hilts		Seat 9	
Treasurer	Lorraine "Sammy" Crawford		Seat 1	
At Large	Marty Anderson	Seat 5	Lynn Hohl	Seat 6
	Bill Holt	Seat 7	Tim Navarre	Seat 2
	Penny (Karen) Vadla	Seat 4		
Student Representative	Destini Riley			

CHAPTER 2



The Support Team

Support Team

Administrators in a school district are those who work most closely with the Board of Education. This section will simply recap the members of the support team during the past 23 year history of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Superintendents

Fred Pomeroy: 1979-1989

Dale Sandahl: 1989-1990

Robert Holmes: 1990-1993

Walter E. Bromenschenkel: 1994-1997

John K. Dahlgren: 1993-1994, 1997-1999

Donna Peterson: 1999-2009

Steve Atwater: 2009-Present

District Office Staff

1983-1984	
Superintendent of Schools	H. Fred Pomeroy
Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services	Dennis W. Daggett
Associate Superintendent, Planning & Operations	Thomas E. Overman
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Executive Director, Personnel	Dale A. Sandahl
Director, Data Systems	Clay Neely
Director, Purchasing, Food Service, Warehouse	Richard Skinner
Director, Pupil Personnel Services	Kris Rogers
Director, Secondary Education	Peter Larson
Director, Elementary Education	Richard Carigan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	John Cook
1984-1985	
Superintendent of Schools	H. Fred Pomeroy
Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services	Dennis W. Daggett
Associate Superintendent, Planning & Operations	Thomas E. Overman
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Data Systems	Clay Neely
Executive Director Personnel	Dale A. Sandahl
Director, Purchasing, Food Service, Warehouse	Richard Skinner
Director, Pupil Personnel Services	Kris Rogers
Director, Secondary Education	Peter Larson
Director, Elementary Education	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	John Cook
1985-1986	
Superintendent of Schools	H. Fred Pomeroy
Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services	Dennis W. Daggett
Associate Superintendent, Planning & Operations	Thomas E. Overman
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Data Systems	Clay Neely
Executive Director Personnel	Dale A. Sandahl
Director, Purchasing, Food Service, Warehouse	Richard Skinner
Director, Pupil Personnel Services	Kris Rogers
Director, Secondary Education	John Dahlgren
Director, Elementary Education	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	John Cook

1986-1987	
Superintendent of Schools	H. Fred Pomeroy
Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services	Dennis W. Daggett
Associate Superintendent, Planning & Operations	Thomas E. Overman
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Data Systems	Clay Neely
Executive Director Personnel	Dale A. Sandahl
Director, Purchasing, Food Service, Warehouse	Richard Skinner
Director, Pupil Personnel Services	Kris Rogers
Director, Secondary Education	John Dahlgren
Director, Elementary Education	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	John Cook
1987-1988	
Superintendent of Schools	Fred Pomeroy
Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services	Dennis W. Daggett
Associate Superintendent, Planning & Operations	Thomas E. Overman
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Data Systems	Clay Neely
Executive Director Personnel	Dale A. Sandahl
Director, Purchasing, Food Service, Warehouse	Richard Skinner
Director, Pupil Personnel Services	Stephen Cosgrove
Director, Secondary Education	John Dahlgren
Director, Elementary Education	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
1988-1989	
Superintendent of Schools	H. Fred Pomeroy
Associate Superintendent, Personnel	Dale A. Sandahl
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Data Systems	James White
Executive Director, Instructional Services	Peter Larson
Director, Grants	Richard Carignan
Director, Purchasing	Lon Hals, Jean Warrick
Director, Food Service	Jennifer Tabor
Director, Planning & Operations	John K Dahlgren
Director, Pupil Personnel Services	Stephen Cosgrove
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Elementary Education	Elizabeth Leonard
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya

1989-1990	
Superintendent of Schools	Dale A. Sandahl
Executive Director, Instructional Services	Peter Larson
Associate Superintendent, Planning / Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director, Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Management	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Betty Leonard
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Peter Larson
Director, Special Services	Mary Rubadeau
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Director, Food Service	Jennifer Tabor
1990-1991	
Superintendent of Schools	Robert J. Holmes
Executive Director/Instructional Services	Mary Rubadeau
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director/Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Betty Leonard
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Mary Rubadeau
Director, Special Services	Michael Ainsworth
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Director, Food Service	Jennifer Tabor

1991-1992	
Superintendent of Schools	Robert J. Holmes
Executive Director/Instructional Services	Mary Rubadeau
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director/Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Diane Borgman
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Richard Carignan
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Mary Rubadeau
Director, Special Services	Michael Ainsworth
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Director, Food Service	Jennifer Tabor
1992-1993	
Superintendent of Schools	Robert J. Holmes
Executive Director/Instructional Services	Mary Rubadeau
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director, Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Diane Borgman
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Mary Starrs Armstrong
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Dave McCard
Director, Special Services	Donald Boehmer
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Director, Food Service	Jennifer Tabor

1993-1994	
Superintendent of Schools	Walt Bromenschenkel
Executive Director, Instructional Services	Tom Thorpe
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director, Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Diane Borgman
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Mary Starrs Armstrong
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Rose Mary Reeder
Director, Special Services	Donald Boehmer
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Assistant Director, Food Service	Michael Legenfelder
1994-1995	
Superintendent of Schools	Walt Bromenschenkel
Executive Director, Instructional Services	Tom Thorpe
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director, Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Diane Borgman
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Mary Starrs Armstrong
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Rose Mary Reeder
Director, Special Services	Donald Boehmer
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Assistant Director, Food Service	Michael Legenfelder

1995-1996	
Superintendent of Schools	Walt Bromenschenkel
Executive Director, Instructional Services	Tom Thorpe
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director, Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Elementary Education	Diane Borgman
Director, Secondary Education	Paul Epperson
Director, Grants	Mo Sanders
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Rose Mary Reeder
Director, Special Services	Donald Boehmer
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Assistant Director, Food Service	Michael Legenfelder
1996-1997	
Superintendent of Schools	Walt Bromenschenkel
Executive Director, Instructional Services	Tom Thorpe
Associate Superintendent, Planning/Operations & Technology	John K. Dahlgren
Executive Director, Personnel	Sharon Radtke
Executive Director, Business Office	Richard M. Swarner
Director, Computer Services	James White
Director, Curriculum / Staff Development	Diane Borgman
Director, Instructional Operation/ Assessment	Mick Wykis
Director, Grants	Mo Sanders
Technology	Phil Biggs
Director, Bilingual/Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Community Schools	Rose Mary Reeder
Director, Special Services	Donald Boehmer
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Assistant Director, Food Service	Michael Legenfelder

1997-1998	
Superintendent of Schools	John K. Dahlgren
Director, Human Resources	Sharon Radtke
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Ed McLain
Director, Curriculum / Staff Development	Donna Peterson
Director, Instructional Operation/ Assessment	Mick Wykis
Director, Technology	Phil Biggs
Director Alternative Schooling, Bilingual, Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Special Services	Don Boehmer
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Data Processing	James White
Director, Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Purchasing	Judy Blume
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Legenfelder
1998-1999	
Superintendent of Schools	John K. Dahlgren
Director, Human Resources	Sharon Radtke
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Ed McLain
Director, Curriculum / Staff Development	Donna Peterson
Director, Instructional Operation/ Assessment	Mick Wykis
Director, Technology	Phil Biggs
Director Alternative Schooling, Bilingual, Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Special Services	Don Boehmer
Assistant Superintendent Operations & Business Management	Patrick Hickey
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Data Processing	James White
Director, Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Legenfelder

1999-2000	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources	Todd Syverson
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Ed McLain
Director, Curriculum / Staff Development	Gary Whiteley
Director, Assessment	Mark Leal
Director, Technology	Phil Biggs
Director Alternative Schooling, Bilingual, Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Special Services	Don Boehmer
Assistant Superintendent Operations & Business Management	Patrick Hickey
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Data Processing	James White
Director, Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Legenfelder
2000-2001	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources	Todd Syverson
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Ed McLain
Director, Curriculum / Staff Development	Gary Whiteley
Director, Assessment	Mark Leal
Director, Technology	Phil Biggs
Director Alternative Schooling, Bilingual, Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Special Services	Don Boehmer
Assistant Superintendent Operations & Business Management	Patrick Hickey
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Data Processing	James White
Director, Operations, Purchasing & Warehouse	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Legenfelder

2001-2002	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services	Todd Syverson
Director, Human Resources	Richard Putney
Director, Information Services	Jim White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Legenfelder
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services	Gary Whiteley
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Paula Christensen
Director, Federal Programs	Rick Matiya
Director, Pupil Services	Roy Anderson
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Sam Stewart
Director, Data Processing	James White
2002-2003	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Administration Services	Todd Syverson
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Lengenfelder
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services	Gary Whiteley
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Paula Christensen
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Sam Stewart
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Rick Matiya
Director, Pupil Services	Roy Anderson

2003-2004	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent	Gary Whiteley
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Paula Christensen
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Glenn Haupt
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Pupil Services	Roy Anderson
Assistant Superintendent	Sam Stewart
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Lengenfelder
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
2004-2005	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent	Guy Fisher
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Paula Christensen
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Glenn Haupt
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Pupil Services	Roy Anderson
Assistant Superintendent	Sam Stewart
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Michael Lengenfelder
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
2005-2006	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent	Glen Szymoniak
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Assistant Superintendent	Sam Stewart
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Dave Hamburg
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Paula Christensen
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Sean Dusek
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Pupil Services	Jamie Harper
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas

2006-2007	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Sam Stewart
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services	Glen Szymoniak
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Dorris Cannon
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Pupil Services	Jamie Harper
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Sean Dusek
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Dave Hamburg
2007-2008	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Glen Szymoniak
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services	Dave Jones
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Dorris Cannon
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Pupil Services	Jamie Harper
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Sean Dusek
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Dave Hamburg
2008-2009	
Superintendent of Schools	Donna Peterson
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Steve Atwater
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services	Dave Jones
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Dorris Cannon
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Pupil Services	Jamie Harper
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Sean Dusek
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Dave Hamburg

2009-2010	
Superintendent of Schools	Steve Atwater
Assistant Superintendent, Instruction	Sean Dusek
Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services	Dave Jones
Director, Elementary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Doris Cannon
Director, Federal Programs & Small Schools	Norma Holmgaard
Director, Finance	Melody Douglas
Director, Human Resources	Tim Peterson
Director, Information Services	James White
Director, Planning & Operations	Dave Spence
Director, Pupil Services	Clayton Holland
Director, Secondary Education/Curriculum & Assessment	Tim Vlasak
Director, Student Nutrition Services	Dave Hamburg

Principals

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
		Anchor Point Elementary: *See Chapman*		
Aurora Borealis				
	1997-2000	Leona (Bagley) Oberts		
	2000-2009	Larry Nauta		
Bayview Charter				
	1997-1999	Beverly Grogan		
Chapman/Anchor Point				
Anchor Point	1983-1985	Serve Wilson		
<i>*Anchor Point and Chapman combined in 1985*</i>				
Chapman	1985-1993	Serve Wilson		
	1993-1994	Debra Gilbreath		
	1994-1997	Frank Garrity		
	1997-2000	Frederick Deussing		
	2000-2002	Greg Wilbanks		
	2002-2004	Richard Sanders		
	2004-2005	John Cook		
	2005-2009	Sharon Conley-Trout		
Connections				
	2002-2005	Erling Hofseth		
	2005-2009	Lee Young		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Cooper Landing Elementary				
	1983-1986	John Szajkowski		
	1986-1987	Stephen Wilcox		
	1987-1992	Jean Romig		
	1992-2000	Aaron "Pat" Dye		
	2000-2001	Teresa Orr		
	2001-2008	Mark Norgren		
	2008-2009	Jim Dawson		
		E.L. Bartlett Elementary/High: *See Tebughna*		
		English Bay Elementary/High: *See Nanwalek*		
Homer Charter/Fireweed Academy				
	1997-2009	Christine Abrahamson		
Homer Flex School				
	1993-1997	Rick Matiya		
	1997-2009	Karen Wessel		
Homer High School				
	1983-1986	Lee Winn	1983-1985	Darrel White
	1986-1992	Dennis Dempsey	1985-1987	Larry Nauta
	1992-1993	John M. "Mike" Bundy	1987-1992	John M. "Mike" Bundy
	1993-1995	Richard Krieger	1992-1997	Robert Macaulay
	1995-2000	Richard Patton	1997-1999	Keith Andrew Gebhardt
	2000-2008	Ronald Keffer	2001-2002	Beverly Hunter-Gillaspie
	2008-2009	Rayna Neumiller-Duenas	2002-2003	Joseph Huftel
			2003-2004	Sharon Conley
			2004-2006	Dan Beck
			2006-2009	Rayna Neumiller-Duenas
Homer Intermediate, 3-6				
	1985-1997	Roderick M. Ladd Jr.		
<i>*Homer Intermediate was renamed West Homer in 1997*</i>				
	1997-2009	Roderick M. Ladd Jr.		
	1988-2002	Roderick M. Ladd Jr.		
	2002-2009	Charles Walsworth		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Homer Middle, 7-8				
	1983-1985	Lee Win	1983-1985	Larry Nauta
	1985-1988	Dr. Peter Larson		
	1988-1994	Lincoln Saito		
	1984-1999	Mark Leal		
	1999-2000	Scott O'Tremba		
	2000-2005	Glen Szmoniak		
	2005-2006	James Cammon		
	2006-2008	Dan Beck		
	2008-2009	Lisa Nissly		
Hope Elementary				
	1983-1984	Caroline Strong		
	1984-1987	Kenneth Farr		
	1987-1990	Louis Kustin		
	1990-1993	Paul Kubena		
	1993-1995	Alex Trout		
	1995-1998	Jeffrey Harriman		
	1998-2002	William Hague		
	2002-2006	Mark Norgren		
	2006-2008	Ken Halverson		
	2008-2009	Jim Dawson		
Kachemak Selo				
	1992-1997	Randall Creamer		
	1997-1999	Alex Trout		
	1999-2009	Randall Creamer		
Kaleidoscope Charter				
	2004-2005	Jackie Imle		
	2005-2006	Mick Wykis		
	2006-2009	Michael Wykis		
K-Beach Elementary				
	1984-1999	Gary Jackson		
	1999-2000	Gregory S. Mengel		
	2000-2002	Trena Richardson		
	2002-2006	Sylvia Reynolds		
	2006-2009	Melissa Stavola-Linton		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Kenai Alternative				
	1993-1997	Rick Matiya		
	1997-2002	Dennis Dunn		
	2002-2007	Greg Wilbanks		
	2007-2009	Robert Ermold		
Kenai Central High				
	1983-1985	John Dahlgren	1983-1987	Richard Hultberg
	1985-1988	Paul Epperson	1987-1988	Marlene Benson
	1988-1992	Michael Wykis	1988-1990	Robert A. Salo
	1992-1997	David R. Spence	1990-1992	David R. Spence
	1997-2001	Sam Stewart	1992-2002	William Overturf
	2001-2002	Berry Swenson	2002-2005	Alan Fields
	2002-2005	Dennis Dunn	2005-2009	Loren Reese
	2005-2009	Alan Fields		
Kenai Elementary				
	1983-1987	Rick Boudreau		
<i>*this school closed in 1987*</i>				
Kenai Middle-High				
	1983-1987	Dean Otteson	1983-1988	Bill Hatch
	1987-1990	Richard Hultberg	1995-1997	Dennis Dunn
	1990-2009	Paul Sorenson	1997-1999	Rosemary Bushon
			1999-2000	Alan Miller
			2000-2002	Lori Manion
			2002-2005	Sharon Mook
			2005-2006	Ron Hatcher
			2006-2009	Vaughn Dosko
Kenai Youth Detention				
	2004-2006	Norma Holmgaard		
	2006-2009	Joseph Mooney		
McNeil Canyon Elementary				
	1983-1991	Diane Borgman		
	1991-1994	Sara Peterson		
	1994-2000	Glen Szymoniak		
	2000-2009	Peter J. Swanson		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Moose Pass Elementary				
	1983-1988	Stephen Wilcox		
	1988-1994	Glen Szymoniak		
	1994-2002	Ralph Steeves		
	2002-2003	Christine Ermold		
	2003-2006	Mark Norgren		
	2006-2007	Steve Paultz		
	2007-2009	Wayne Young		
Mountain View Elementary				
	1987-1990	Rick Bourdreau		
	1990-1994	Thomas Thorpe		
	1994-2007	James Dawson		
	2007-2009	John Cook		
Nanwalek Elementary-High/English Bay Elem-High				
English Bay Elem-High	1983-1984	Kenneth Farr		
	1984-1985	Bill Hanley		
	1985-1989	Sharon Radtke		
	1989-1990	Thomas P. Genne		
	1990-1992	Bernadette M. Wensley		
	1992-1993	Marilyn Nelson		
<i>*this school was renamed Susan B. English in 1993*</i>				
Nanwalek Elem-High	1993-1995	Kathleen Clark		
	1995-1997	Frederick Deussing		
	1997-1998	Leslie Weld		
	1998-2004	Maurice Glen		
	2004-2005	Darrel Johnson		
	2005-2007	Michael Sellers		
	2007-2008	Megan Reinseth		
	2008-2009	Cheryl Schweigert		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
<i>*this school was renamed Susan B. English in 1993*</i>				
Nikiski Elementary				
	1983-1987	Marc Beauchamp	1984-1987	Carol Boudreau
	1987-1991	Jack Albaugh		
	1991-1994	Elizabeth Leonard		
	1994-1995	Caroline Venuti		
	1995-2000	Trena Richardson		
	2000-2004	Mark Norgren		
<i>*this school combined with Nikiski Elementary to create Nikiski North Star in 2004*</i>				
Nikiski Jr-Sr High School				
	1988-1991	Cliff Koivisto	1988-1989	Sam Bushon
	1991-1999	Robert Bellmore	1989-1990	Mark D. Norgren
	1999-2003	Robin Williams	1990-2002	Donald Glaze
	2003-2006	John Owens	2002-2003	John Owens
	2006-2009	John O'Brien	2003-2005	Sandra Miller
			2005-2009	Daniel Carstens
Nikolaevsk Elementary				
	1983-1993	Kenneth R. Moore		
	1993-2001	Carlton W. Kuhns		
	2001-2004	Terry Martin		
	2004-2007	Sharon Conley		
	2007-2009	Mike Sellers		
Ninilchik Elem-High				
	1983-1984	Gary Jackson		
	1984-1987	Daryl Kellum		
	1987-1988	Sam Bushon		
	1988-1993	Kenneth Satre		
	1993-1999	Paul Kubena		
	1999-2004	Michael Wetherbee		
	2004-2009	Terry Martin		
North Star Elementary				
	1987-1993	Jan Hall		
	1993-1997	Donna Peterson		
	1997-2002	Susan Liebner		
	2002-2004	Lori Manion		
<i>*this school combined with Nikiski Elementary to create Nikiski North Star in 2004*</i>				

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Nikiski North Star Elementary				
	2004-2009	Lori Manion		
Paul Banks Elementary				
	1983-1997	Lewis McLin		
	1987-2002	Richard Toymill		
	2002-2009	Benny Abraham		
Peninsula Optional/River City Academy				
	2007-2008	Gregg Wilbanks		
Port Graham Elem-High				
	1983-1987	Ralph Hensley		
	1987-1989	DeEtta Scarborough		
	1989-1990	Joseph Deutsch		
	1990-1991	DeEtta Scarborough		
	1991-1992	Joseph Deutsch		
	1992-1995	Richard Delorenzo		
	1995-1997	Clay Poindexter		
	1997-2002	Wayne Young		
	2002-2005	Darrell Johnston		
	2005-2007	Michael Sellers		
	2007-2008	Peggy Arnold-Hoobler		
	2008-2009	Steven Kenrick		
Razdolna Elementary				
	1984-1995	Robert Bell		
	1995-2002	David Evans		
	2002-2003	Sharon Conley		
	2003-2004	Peter Swanson		
	2004-2007	Ray Hillman		
	2007-2009	Douglas Waclawski		
Redoubt Elementary				
	1983-1988	Greg Daniels		
	1988-1995	Larry Nauta		
	1995-2003	Kenneth Meacham		
	2003-2005	Todd Syverson		
	2005-2009	John Pothast		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Sears Elementary				
	1983-1987	Ginnie Maesner		
	1987-1999	Jacque Imle		
	1999-2005	Michael Wykis		
	2005-2007	Johh Cook		
<i>*this school combined with Mountain View Elementary in 2007*</i>				
Seward Elementary				
	1983-1984	Elizabeth Richardson	1986-1987	Jack Albaugh
	1984-1986	Roger Sampson		
	1986-1987	Jack Albaugh		
	1987-1994	Roger Sampson		
	1994-2000	Robert Boyle		
	2000-2009	David Kingsland		
Seward High				
	1983-1987	Gregory Moo		
	1987-1992	Jim Fredrickson		
<i>*Seward Jr/Sr. High became one site in 1987*</i>				
	1992-2001	Malcolm Flemling	1988-1995	Stephen Wilcox
			1995-2001	Stephen Pautz
<i>*Seward Middle School became a separate site in 2001*</i>				
	2001-2006	Steven Pautz		
	2006-2009	Ginger Blackmon		
Seward Middle				
	2001-2006	John A. Cote	2001-2006	John A. Cote
	2006-2007	Steven Pautz	2006-2007	Stephen Pautz
	2007-2009	Trevan Walker	2007-2009	Trevan Walker
Skyview High School				
	1991-1999	Marlene Benson-Byerly		
	1999-2005	John Pothast		
	2005-2009	Randall Neill		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Soldotna Elementary				
	1983-1992	Dr. David Dickerson	1985-1987	Janice K. Hall
	1992-2009	Carolyn F. Cannava		
		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Soldotna High				
	1983-1987	James Strandlie	1983-1984	Daryl Kellum [Vice]
	19887-1991	Frank Garrity	1984-1987	Frank Garrity [Vice]
	1991-1995	Kenneth Meachum	1987-1989	Michael Wykis [Vice]
	1995-2002	Sylvia Reynolds	1989-1990	Marlene Benson [Vice]
	2002-2005	Sean Dusek	1990-1991	Michael Wykis [Vice]
	2005-2009	Todd Syverson	1991-2000	Mark D. Norgren [Vice]
			2000-2002	Sean Dusek [Vice]
			2002-2009	Allan Howard [Vice]
			1984-1985	Paul Epperson [Asst.]
			1985-1986	Dennis Dempsey [Asst.]
			1986-1987	Michael Wykis [Asst.]
			1987-1988	Tom Thorpe [Asst.]
			1988-1989	Marle Benson [Asst.]
			1989-1990	Thomas Thorpe [Asst.]
			1990-1991	Marlene Benson [Asst.]
Soldotna Middle				
	1983-1987	Arthur Motz	1984-1987	Margo Kaleva
	1987-1994	Darryl Kellum	1987-1991	Jim Standlie
	1994-1999	Todd Syverson	1991-1997	Carl Miller
	1999-2005	Lee Young	1997-1998	Greg Paxton
	2005-2009	Sharon Moock	1998-2000	Paula Christensen
			2000-2003	Robert Ermold
			2003-2007	Ben Eveland
			2007-2009	Sarge Truesdell
Soldotna Montessori Charter				
	2002-2003	Susan Larned		
	2003-2009	Mo Sanders		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Spring Creek				
	2000-2001	Malcolm Fleming		
	2001-2002	Alice Tucker		
	2002-2009	Wayne Young		
Sterling Elementary				
	1983-1989	Victor M. Varick		
	1989-1990	Sam Bushon		
	1990-1991	Victor M Varick		
	1991-1993	Sam Bushon		
	1993-1995	Marti Steckel		
	1995-1999	Paul Epperson		
	1999-2004	Paul Kubena		
	2004-2009	Christine Ermold		
Susan B. English Elem-High				
	1983-1984	Henry Savage		
	1984-1986	Steven Wolf		
	1986-1991	Paul Sorenson		
	1991-1993	Michael Jay Smith		
	1993-1995	Mark Bergemann		
	1995-1998	Fabian Castilleja		
	1998-2003	Steven Jones		
	2003-2004	Dan Beck		
	2004-2005	Craig Johnson		
	2005-2007	Curtis Liberty		
	2007-2009	Sheryl Hingley		
Tebughna Elem-High/E.L. Bartlett Elem-High				
	1983-1988	Cliff Kolvisto		
	1988-1990	Thomas R. Maughan		
	1990-1992	Terry Myrick		
	1992-1993	Kathleen Clark		
	1993-1995	Tamara Smid		
	1995-1997	Roger Prater		
	1997-2000	Aaron Stansberry		
	2000-2001	Fred Colvin		
<i>*this school combined with Tebughna in 2001*</i>				
	2001-2003	Bradley Drake		
	2003-2005	Matthew Fischer		
	2005-2006	Sandy Miller		
	2006-2009	Sheryl Kaye		

		Principal		Asst./Vice Principal
Tustemena Elementary				
	1983-1991	Al Besch		
	1991-1992	Carolyn F. Cannava		
	1992-1995	Michael Wykis		
	1995-1996	Mick Wykis		
	1996-2000	Lisa Stroh		
	2000-2008	Ken Halverson		
	2008-2009	Robert VanDerWege		
Voznesenka Elementary				
	1988-1994	David Evans		
	1994-1998	Michael Murray		
	1998-1999	Scott O'Tremba		
	1999-2000	Alex Trout		
	2000-2008	Ray Hillman		
	2008-2009	Alex Trout		

CHAPTER 3



The Pomeroy Era
...1984-1989


1979-1984 history is found in "Schooling on the Kenai Peninsula, Volume 1"

Events: 1984-1989

During his tenure, Fred Pomeroy opened 5 schools and completed the construction of Skyview High School, and built an addition to house both music and media at Soldotna Elementary School.

- Homer High School (9-12) - 157,000 square feet
- Hope Elementary (K-10)– 13,500 sq ft
- Mt. View Elementary (3-6) – 50,000 sq ft
- North Star Elementary (K-6) – 50,000 sq ft
- Soldotna Elementary addition 12,834 sq ft
- Nikiski High (9–12) – 117,504 sq ft
- Skyview High School (9-12) – 117,101 built
- Business department implemented a computerized financial system
- Prototype Schools
- Windy Bay, Beluga
- District wide curriculum/CRT's – 1985
- Salary Freeze
- Wildwood closes
- Exxon Valdez spill

CHAPTER 4



The Sandahl Era

1989–1990

Events: 1989-1990

- During Dale Sandahl's tenure the district expanded to over 1000 employees.
- Staffing for Skyview HS
- Personnel department held its first job fair
- 23 of 34 schools went online with the mainframe system
- Over 3,000,000 was spent to equip Skyview & Seward Elementary Schools
- A 6 year local Vocational Education plan was developed
- A new technology education program was grant funded to be implemented at Skyview & Homer High
- Distance learning programs were set up for Japanese I or II and Calculus
- Exchange program began with Magadan, Russia for 40 students and teachers
- Three new board goals were set
- An action plan was designed to deal with substance abuse
- Reviewed secondary school scheduling options to accommodate the differing needs of the student population
- Provided a forum to strengthen board and teacher relationships through discussions on current educational practices and issues

CHAPTER 5



The Holmes Era
1990–1993

Events: 1990-1993

Student enrollment continued to increase during Robert Holmes' tenure. In addition, the number of students enrolled in the correspondence program also increased.

- Seward Elementary – 52,199 sq ft
- Skyview High School occupied
- Beluga Elementary closed after ending the year with 3 students
- Windy Bay School closed due to lack of enrollment
- Kachemak Selo was granted attendance area status by the Department of Education
- Outcome based education was implemented
- Junior high schools converted to the middle school model
- All schools and departments were on line with the mainframe system
- Schools received 78 loaner lab computers. Distance learning classes were transmitted by satellite.
- School Based Decision Making Report recommended implementation of a community based ownership through school based decision making
- Due to a shift in enrollment, the district had the first reduction in staff since 1986 with tenured teachers involuntarily transferred
- Strategic planning of instructional delivery systems with site-based decision making was established
- Collaborative negotiations process began

CHAPTER 6

The Dahlgren Era

1993–1994

and

1997–1999

Events: 1993-1997

The 1993-1994 year began with the resignation of Dr. Holmes. Dr. Bromenschenkel was to come on board beginning in 1994 so John Dahlgren agreed to lead the transition and serve as interim superintendent.

The Board was presented a multi-year strategic plan which was approved. Implementation was developed with a phase-in approach.

- The Tustumena bond issue was successfully introduced and approved
- Successful negotiation was solidified with all three bargaining groups
- Year 2 in the 5 year implementation plan for site based management was successfully completed.
- The communications plan was improved with the installation of a FAX machine at each school

Events: 1997-1999

The state legislature passed SB36 providing some financial relief to KPGSD during John Dahlgren's tenure even though the district was still experiencing declining enrollment.

- West Homer Elementary – (K-6) – 52,500 sq ft
- Class sizes in K-3 were reduced from 1:24 to 1:22
- Reconfiguration recommendation was introduced for Nikiski Schools
- An equipment replacement plan was developed and implemented
- The District worked with the Assembly to pass a technology referendum
- Foundational skills were identified as requirements to earn the District certified diploma.
- Asset Building was introduced to school administrators

CHAPTER 7



The
Bromenschenkel
Era
1994-1997

Events: 1994-1997

During Dr. Bromenschenkel's tenure, the district's budgets were cut by 6.5 million dollars, yet the district maintained a positive influence in the community.

- It became a priority to increase the number of school volunteers
- Each school prepared a critical incident plan tailored to each school location
- The district hired a full time Director of Technology and developed a district-wide technology plan
- A standardization plan was developed for the district high schools which included curriculum, schedules, and correspondence courses
- The school based decision making model was implemented in all schools in the district
- A comprehensive assessment plan was developed to measure student achievement
- School-to-work programs were developed

CHAPTER 8



The Peterson Era
1999–2009

Events: 1999-2009

Dr. Peterson's tenure at the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District has been extensive and successful. She has provided the leadership for needed change in an environment of declining enrollment. Her tenure included large scale accomplishments as evidenced in the categories below. The District attained adequate yearly progress (AYP designation) in 2007-2009.

- Completion of the 2001-2006 and 2007-2012 long-range plan.
- Implementation of a technology based school district
- Improved internal and external communications through an expanded web site, national publication articles and increased communication with the Borough, Legislature and the community
- Expanded recognition program; received multiple state and national awards
- Opening of Spring Creek prison school for 50 students, Kenai Youth Facility, River City Academy, Soldotna Montessori, Seward Middle, Homer Flex, Kaleidoscope Charter, combined two elementary schools in Nikiski and two more in Kenai.
- Implemented extensive formative and summative assessments district wide
- Developed and implemented multiple courses in alternative delivery models (distance, virtual, etc.)
- Conducted summer school and after school programs across the district
- Stabilized education funding and passed two local bond propositions
- Developed a district parent/student handbook, school board governance handbook, updated volunteer handbook and site council guidelines.
- Implemented Project GRAD for seven schools.
- Developed tiered site/district professional development plan
- Improved the pupil teacher ratio
- Expanded partnerships and agreements for student opportunities through colleges and agencies
- Sponsored the Arctic Winter Games
- Conversion from 20+ year old mainframe to new PC-based programs

Specific information regarding each year follows

1999-2000 Activities/Accomplishments

Connections Program established
Certified Diploma
Tustumena remodel (1% for art)
Risograph machines
Procurement cards
Collaboration with Central Peninsula Counseling Services
Emotionally Handicapped Program started
Instituted site hiring process for administrators
Critical Incident (bomb scare at post office)
Juvenile Detention Facility discussion
Named top 20 School District in the US by Albertson's Foundation-Instructional Technology
Training for First Steps reading, Bangor reading, Quality Schools Institute, Personalized Education Plans

HEA Fiber Contract
Site Council training started
E-rate application submitted
High School Graduation Exam
Activities fee waiver process
First live webcast
Challenger Center groundbreaking
Tech work group formed with Assembly
BP Teachers of Excellence started
Y2K preparation

2000-2001 Activities/Accomplishments

Homer Flex opened in new building
Updated site council "blue" book
Voter approval of \$7.4M debt reimbursement
Conversion to Windows 2000 based network
Alternative Stages/Foundations established
Sports Illustrated featured KCHS football
DIBELS, CBM, and K-Development Profile
Changeover to First Class calendar
Seward bus route moved Laidlaw
Fast Facts handout developed
District web calendar established
Homer Intermediate School to Borough/City
Warehouse/stock catalog on-line
Training in Scholastic Literacy, Aspirations, SPED reading interventions

Upgrades to Kenai Elementary
Gym expansion at Nikolaevsk
Boarding program handbook
Aspirations Program (school climate)
Long Range plan developed
Suicide Handbook developed
Hepatitis A and B shots required
Communications Report completed
District logo on stationary and cards
Community Priority Survey
Military Leave MOA
"Best Practices" booklet updated
Village student government experience

2001-2002 Activities/Accomplishments

September 11, 2001-tech infrastructure tested
DIBELS/DBM implemented district-wide
District inservice changes to regional delivery
\$10M in building upgrades (ADA, fire alarms, lights, district freezer, K-Beach bus turnaround)
First Alaska Native Education Summit
Summer School-380 students, 5 locations
“Leave No District Behind” funding proposal
Districted Board-multiple forums for 9 candidates
Negotiations
Meritorious Budget Award
Big 3 Report (consolidation, raise PTR, cut activities)
Electronic year-end check-out developed
Piloted outsourcing agreements for sports
Training in Palm handhelds, school climate, leadership Board standards added to agenda

Polycom equipment purchased
Piloted “virtual” AP Classes
Accelerated tech plan from 6 yrs. to 3
Community Schools changes
Workforce Development Center opened
Learning Opportunity Grants
Dine and discuss sessions
State Chart of Accounts revised
AIR School Cost Study completed
Truancy Policy enforced
New IEP database
Activities vans replaced

2002-2003 Activities/Accomplishments

Volunteer training manual updated
Schooling on Peninsular book updated
Seward Middle School construction bond passed
School Incentive Fund introduced
Refresher on Shelter in Place for Nikiski Schools
Tech Savvy Superintendent
Vocational Education Blue Ribbon Task Force
NCLB “not highly qualified” letters began
Student government conference handbook
95 teachers shared online curriculum maps
GASB 34 reporting requirements
I-Safe Internet Safety Program
Soldotna Montessori opened
Nikiski 21st Century grand with B&G Club
Participated in Governor Murkowski’s transition team
Training in CBM/DIBELS, Bangor Reading Assessment

Port Graham satellite added
Internet use agreements required
Contract settled in November
Work plans started
New SPAM filter installed
Superintendent of the Year
Russian student exchange
Medicaid billing began
GASB 34 reporting requirements
Extensive flooding
Project GRAD started
Ed Prep agreements with KPC
New social studies and health texts
After the Bell Program started
Education Forum with Rod Paige
Martin Luther King Day observed

2003-2004 Activities/Accomplishments

Weighted grades changes	7 th grade math placement options
Point of Sale for food service	Quest Program changes
RIF process/procedures refined	Critical Incident Plan flip chart
Loss of 56 teachers, 14 custodians	Borough purchased new mainframe
Nikiski North Star name change approved	Administrative hire process codified
714 phone number for district office	1% art for Seward Middle School
Kindergarten standards based report card	Transportation transition in Seward
Co-curricular task force	Prop 1 (co-curricular activities) on ballot
Peninsula Reading Carnival	Closing Ceremony for Nikiski El
Japanese student exchange	Discovery Conversion and training
GradeQuick/EdLine portals added, training	Classroom walkthroughs emphasized
Training in Read Naturally, Post disaster response, DIBELS, assessment coordinators	

2004-2005 Activities/Accomplishments

Tripled bandwidth in Seward	Increased Internet service to Hope
Web-based work order tracking	Warehouse annex fire
Opened Homer ATOSS	HELP test for paraprofessionals
2 teachers called to military service (Iraq)	Housing application for Tyonek
Instructional coaches project	Agrium announced closure
Parallel block scheduling at 4 elementary schools	Full-day kindergarten
Electronic deadlines list replaced administrator packet	New bus contract
Tyonek security cameras & trooper presence	New model for librarian staffing
Reviewed background check process	District Course Master updated
Edline/GradeQuick requirements/training	District plan for Child Nutrition Act
Resolved testing conflicts on Russian Holy Days	Literacy coaches at four schools

2005-2006 Activities/Accomplishments

Instructional Services Quick Reference Manual	NCLB impact statements
Music textbooks/materials to schools	EDEA database changeover
Formal pre-eval conferences with administrators	Truancy cases upheld in court
Competency based community conversations	Artctic Winter Games
Ashfall Advisory (Augustine) closed Homer Schools	Internet based bargaining
IP phones to Seward	Tyonek teacher housing construction
3 rd grade standards based report card	Kaleidoscope Charter space issues
“Situation Paper” developed for Tyonek Safety/Health	Port Graham changing to K-12
Certificates of Achievement at graduation	MOAs with KPC for tech prep
State Mentor Program participation	Alaska History required
Full-day kindergarten	
Training in Project Learning Tree, Smartboard/Polycom, Nonfiction reading and writing, Math Solutions, Team Teaching, Six Trait Writing	

2006-2007 Activities/Accomplishments

Playground equipment added at 3 schools
Sammy Crawford won Don McKinnon Award
ADA, roof, arsenic removal projects districtwide
Challenger Center event with space shuttle
Completed secondary LA curriculum work
Rotary donation of cameras and printers
US DOE recognition for “rural promising practices”
“Kenai Conversations” multiple transition and community meetings held
District attained Adequate Yearly Progress designation for student achievement
Training in RtI, Earobics, SFA, Houghton-Mifflin, Tourette’s Syndrome, Positive Behavioral Support, Teacher Leader, Co-Teaching, Disaster Preparedness, Math K-12, Read 180, Autism, MANDT

2007-2008 Activities/Accomplishments

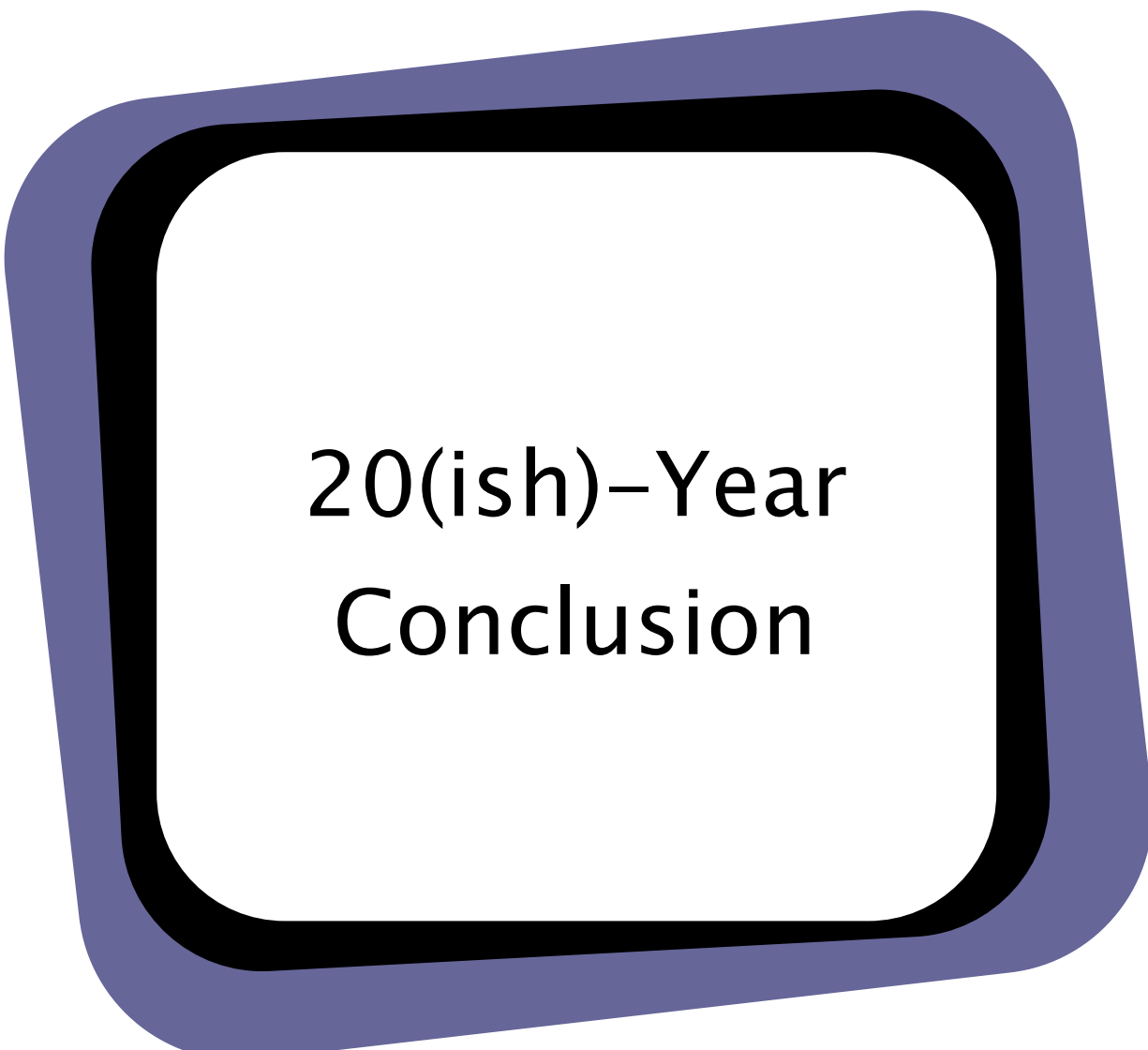
Started detailed weekly updates to board
Legislative task force on education funding
Performance incentive from State
QS2 in Nanwalek, Tyonek, Ninilchik and Seward
Lisa Murkowski, Margaret Spellings visit
Joint meetings with hospital leadership team
Fireweed/West Homer space issues
Playground equipment at Voznesenka
Homer HS Site Council graduation waiver request
Sub wages increased 20%
Long Range Plan rewritten
District attained Adequate Yearly Progress designation for student achievement
Training in “Failure in not an Option”, EdPerformance, Multigrade Institute, Success for All, Houghton-Mifflin Math Expression, Elementary Math, Fetal Alcohol, Autism/Aspergers, Aimsweb/CBM, Co-Teaching

Caribou Hills fire
IP phones added throughout the district
Agrium closed
Professional Development Plan
Bookkeeper hours changed
Energy person hired
Software conversion went “live”
One stop portal
Prevention needs assessment
Multiple audits

2008-2009 Activities/Accomplishments

United Way Presentations
Regional site council presentations
Headsprout for incoming kindergartners
Web site upgraded, suggestion box added
International Eagle Award for CFO
Mileage reimbursements increased to IRS rates
Performance Incentive to Schools
Visits from commissioner and Lt. Governor
No term limits ruling for school board members
Alaska Performance Excellence application
Added stipends for assessment coordinators
Energy conservation checks/link on website
Google Apps, Blogs, G-Mail added
Consortium for Digital Learning project
School Board Governance Handbook
Programmatic staffing added 60 FTE to lower class size, provide elective credit, and hire interventionists and counselors
Training for Autism, Health and Science Institutes, Professional Development Site Liaisons

Magna Award to School Board
Redoubt Volcano
Bus driver contract issues
Stimulus funding
Construction academies
HEA/ACS fiber contract
Swine flu, scarlet fever
Seward bridge/road work
East End Road fire
Homer/Russian schools hockey
Hospital tragedy
EED teacher certification issues
Superintendent search
Wired buildings for “wireless”



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Conclusion**

The twenty-three years encompassed in this report have been filled with unparalleled educational changes. Major shifts have occurred because of societal change particularly in the areas of accountability, options/choices for students, and technology.

The advent of the age of accountability began long before, but was codified by, the No Child Left Behind legislation. Long a high-performing school district, KPBSD's focus on student achievement became even more intense. The higher expectations for all student subgroups came at the same time as funding became more restricted, making the continued high performance even more remarkable. The District became known for its creative ways of delivering student programs and producing high test scores (and great students) in times of substantial budget reductions to programs and personnel. KPBSD currently enjoys the honor of being the highest performing large school district in the State. This honor recognizes the commitment of students, community, staff, and leaders required for success. The shift from attention on teaching to attention on learning is a fundamental and long lasting change in how education occurs in KPBSD.

A second major shift was the approach to, and availability of, options for student learning. During this period, public schools were no longer the only show in town and parents have a variety of options both inside and outside of the District to choose from. Within KPBSD, there are neighborhood schools, comprehensive high schools, small K-12 schools, four charter schools, a performance-based school, a home school program, two alternative schools and two programs for incarcerated youth. At the individual course level, students can take classes in many different ways. For example, students can receive credit for courses at their local school, via distance "live" with another school, through the Internet, through correspondence, as a credit recovery option, or in partnership with the college or other partnering agencies. The possibilities are endless and wide-ranging. The "can do" attitude and the amazing technology infrastructure allow almost any possibility to occur. Schooling is viewed now more as an experience than a place. The menu of opportunities continues to expand and individual learning pathways developed for students allow maximum flexibility.

In the area of technology, the District has moved from typewriters and fax machines to computers, e-mail, and the Internet for communication. The District's ability to collect, analyze and apply data through the technology infrastructure has made a positive difference for students and parents. Communication has been significantly enhanced through technology, as has transparency through easy access to all District documents. Blogs, Google apps, twitters, smart boards, blackberries, and individual laptop computers are found in District schools. New and emerging technologies are analyzed as to their effectiveness in improving student learning, then introduced, adapted and integrated as appropriate.

The next decades may prove to be as exciting as the past. KPBSD will continue to focus on developing the knowledge, abilities, and attitudes for graduates to become the leaders of today and tomorrow. Personal responsibility, creative thinking, and civic involvement will all

be part of the education. School building may expand and become anytime, anywhere "learning hubs" for the entire community. The continuous improvement model currently in place will serve students and staff well. All in all, the foundation is solid in KPBSD, with great people and strong relationships. The stage is set for continued greatness.