



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Federal Programs & Small Schools

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MEMORANDUM

To: KPBSD School Board

Through: Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

Sean Dusek

From: Norma Holmgaard Director of Federal Programs

Re: READ 180 Impact

Soldotna Middle School was the first KPBSD school to implement the READ 180 program 8 years ago. This program targeted struggling readers at the middle school level. When first implemented it was funded through federal grants. When those grant funds were cut the program was supported through programmatic funding.

Karl Kircher, who has been the READ 180 teacher at Soldotna Middle School, has recently conducted extensive research on the impact of the program over time.

On Monday, March 7 at 3:30 Mr. Kircher will share with you what he has found regarding the achievement of students successfully completing this program. He will share with you the initial achievement gains and the retention of these gains as students moved into high school.