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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 18, 2011
TO: School Board Members
FROM: Steve Atwater, Ph.D.
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RE: Goals for Student Learning

Background: Recommendation #1 of the Curriculum Management Audit is to adopt and implement updated, revised, or new board policies or related administrative regulations to provide clear direction for educational programs and operational functions and to clarify expectations regarding organizational planning and decision making. BP 0210, Goals for Student Learning, was adopted in 1996 and is a policy that guides much of our instructional activity. Because of its importance and age, the administration feels that it should be reviewed. The policy is so broad that it is important that the full board, and not just the Policy Review Committee, is aware of this review.

Reason for this worksession: To make the Board aware that the administration wants to revise BP 0210 and to gather input on changes before it is sent to the Policy Review Committee in August or September.

GOALS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District will empower all students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and insights necessary to live rewarding, productive lives, prepared to contribute to the global community. KPBSD is committed to being a district that is recognized for educational excellence and equity, providing a rigorous, innovative educational program that supports and challenges each student to achieve at a high level and graduate from high school prepared for the future. The Board believes that the district can reach its vision only if achievement is raised for all students, achievement gaps are closed, and institutional barriers that prevent students from reaching high levels of success are eliminated. This will be accomplished by developing institutional policies, practices and programs that create a climate of equity and acceptance that respects values and responds to the diversity of all its members.

The Board recognizes its responsibility to set high expectations for each child to learn, achieve and fulfill his/her potential. In addition to providing a basic education program as prescribed by the State of Alaska Board of Education, the Board believes that the educational program also must ensure every student achieves high levels of success in a rigorous course of study designed to prepare students to stay ahead of international competition and for challenging curriculum beyond secondary school. Students will be afforded multiple opportunities to meet graduation requirements.

In order to meet this vision the Board has established the following goals:

1. All students will graduate prepared for the 21st Century as high-achieving learners, possessing:
 - a. World language skills
 - b. Global awareness
 - c. Competencies in the use of current technology to access and demonstrate new knowledge and skills
 - d. Skills to communicate effectively and appropriately for a variety of purposes
 - e. Experiences that foster self-expression and creativity
 - f. Critical thinking, problem-solving skills
 - g. The ability to work and collaborate effectively as a member of a diverse team
 - h. An appreciation of the arts
 - i. Skills needed for success as a lifelong learner to be competitive in a constantly changing international environment