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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Atwater will continue to serve as KPBSD Superintendent

Soldotna, January 31, 2012—Dr. Atwater will continue to serve as Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Superintendent!

Questions and speculations about a potential superintendent for Anchorage and perhaps the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District began circulating several weeks ago. In December, 2011, Anchorage School District announced KPBSD Superintendent Atwater was one of two finalists in a national superintendent search to replace Ms. Carol Comeau, who will retire in June, 2012. After hearing the Anchorage School District superintendent announcement this morning, Mr. Joe Arness, the KPBSD School Board President said:

“It is with mixed emotion that we acknowledge the news this morning that Dr. Atwater was not chosen as the new Anchorage Superintendent. On the one hand, it was a courageous decision on his part to make the effort and apply for that job. On the other hand, this news means that we can continue on with the business of providing a first class educational experience for our District's students without the distraction of a search for a new superintendent. Clearly, however, the fact that our superintendent was a finalist for such a high profile position is a credit to our students, staff, and communities as well as a credit to Dr. Atwater himself.”

Dr. Atwater serves as one of nine commissioners for the Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC), and is in Anchorage for a previously scheduled PTPC meeting all day today, January 31, 2012. He says,

“I was honored to be chosen as a finalist and appreciate our School Board, employees, and community support through this time. I offer my congratulations to Dr. Browder, and appreciate the Anchorage School Board selecting me as a finalist. The application process was a positive experience; it helped me gain a deeper understanding of education in Anchorage and Alaska. I look forward to continuing the good work that we are doing to give our students here on the Kenai a world class education.”

Links

[Anchorage School District Superintendent search](#)

December 15, 2011: [KPBSD Superintendent Steve Atwater named as Anchorage finalist](#)

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