

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Resolution 03-04-3**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EARLY FUNDING AT \$4500 BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION OF K-12 EDUCATION FOR FY 2005**

**WHEREAS**, the sustainability, reliability and adequacy of Alaska's funding for public education is of highest concern to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska allocates its funding at the end of the Legislative Session; and

**WHEREAS**, Districts must project next fall's enrollment and on that basis set a budget before the Legislature is out of session and the state fiscal year budget is enacted; and

**WHEREAS**, employee collective bargaining agreements require notification of continued employment before the end of the Legislative Session which necessitates a staff reduction until financial resources are known for the next year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Kenai Peninsula Board of Education resolves to urge the Alaska Legislature:

- To require early funding of K-12 education with a Base Student Allocation of \$4500. Numerous studies have shown this amount to be the minimum needed to meet today's student achievement challenges as required by the Alaska Performance Standards and federal mandates. \$4500 would provide the Kenai Peninsula with a status quo budget in 2004-2005. Appropriating and investing an adequate amount of funding for education is the responsibility of the Alaska Legislature.
- To require an annual adjustment for inflation to provide a sustainable and reliable source of funding.

Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Board of Education on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.



Deborah Germano, President  
School Board

Attest:



Sally Tachick  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 07/25/05

