

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 07-08-3

SUPPORTING STUDENT HOUSING FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA COLLEGE

Whereas, the Kenai Peninsula College has provided postsecondary education on the Kenai Peninsula since 1964 to a borough service area encompassing more than 25,000 square miles,

Whereas, KPC has no housing for students wanting to live on campus while attending the college,

Whereas, the Kenai Peninsula has numerous rural and remote, off-the-road system villages and these students have two choices to attend college: attend a major University of Alaska campus or move to the Lower 48,

Whereas, if you grow up in Tyonek, Ninilchik, Moose Pass or Cooper Landing, attending a university in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau or the Lower 48 is often a difficult transition,

Whereas, 60% of rural and Native students who attend the university's urban campuses do not complete their education goals,

Whereas; large cities may be intimidating and large universities may be confusing and may not provide the personal touch these students need. Urban institutions are a "long way away from home," especially for anxious, small community and village students,

Whereas, rural students who choose to attend KPC find small classes with strong remediation and tutoring programs to assist them as they bridge the gap to college level courses,

Whereas, KPC prides itself on offering courses and degrees that are offered nowhere else in Alaska including Process Technology (KPC provides this degree program at two of the three locations in the state); Paramedical Technology, Industrial Process Instrumentation and Digital Arts,


Whereas, student housing at KPC will give rural students an option to attend college near their homes instead of leaving Alaska or going to a large city in Alaska.

Whereas, student housing will allow these students to take a transition step to a larger community before moving onto a large university and city, if they so desire,

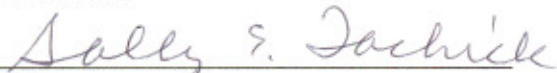
Whereas, for the past three years the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has requested \$10 million for KPC housing in its annual priority list sent to the Alaska Legislature,

Therefore, be it resolved that University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor Fran Ulmer, University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton and the University of Alaska Board of Regents, support and encourage the construction of a 100-bed student housing complex on KPC's Kenai River Campus.

Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Board of Education on this 3rd day of December, 2007.



Liz Downing, Vice President
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Board of Education

ATTEST: 

Sally Tachick
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My Commission Expires 07/25/09

