

# Career and Technical Education Blue Ribbon Task Force

School Board Presentation  
April 2003



# Why are we talking about this?

 #25 on task list for Administration:

✿ “Increase visibility; including meeting with existing advisory groups”

 Student to Careers Advisory Committee (SCAC)

✿ “on vacation” – form Blue Ribbon task Force



# Guidance from KPBSD Long Range Plan

## **Action Step 6: Prepare students for the world beyond school.**

- A. Develop basic job skills
  1. Immerse work ethic, communication skills, and personal responsibility in course work
  2. Include workforce development courses in graduation expectation
  3. Pursue resource options for vigorous vocational programs
  4. Develop job shadowing, internships, apprenticeship, mentoring opportunities
  
- B. Provide opportunities and guidance in the development of character, values and citizenship
  1. Allow community service credit for volunteer student projects
  2. Develop student discipline options including social skills intervention
  3. Emphasize ethics in daily lives and curriculum
  4. Help students understand situations, decisions and their consequences
  5. Prepare students for the world in which THEY will live
  
- C. Prepare for careers
  1. K-8: career exploration
  2. 9-12: Match student course plans with career goals
  3. Teach all students to prepare personal resumes and portfolios
  4. Assist students with post-secondary transition plan



# Task Force All Call

## Committee Members Wanted

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is looking for interested persons to serve as committee members on a short-term task force to address vocational education issues.

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Details regarding the task force and application process are available at:

[http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/board/SuptWeb\\_Page/VOC\\_ED/BlueRibbonTaskForce.htm](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/board/SuptWeb_Page/VOC_ED/BlueRibbonTaskForce.htm)

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Due date is **October 28, 2002**

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# The Group

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**Mike Andrews**  
**Robert Buch**  
**Jim Carter**  
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**Gary Turner**  
**Colleen Ward**



## The Task - December 9-10, 2002

Reviewed Data, Definitions, Previous Work

Reviewed Promising Practices

Began to Focus



# Nationwide Need

- 68% of young people say they are going to attend a four-year college and another 26% say they plan to attend a community college or technical school.
- 42% do not participate in post-secondary education.
- Only 28% of high school freshman complete a bachelor's degree  
(Hurley, 2002)



## Blue Ribbon Task Force Goal:

Develop a Kenai Peninsula World Class Workforce Coalition by cooperatively utilizing all of our resources to provide the best opportunities for students.



# Philosophy

-  Opportunities provided for all students
-  Graduates have academic preparation + employability preparation



# Components

 School District **prepares** students by:

- rigorous and relevant curriculum
- regional needs based
- four year + transitional plans

 School District **partners** with others to provide opportunities



# Specific expectations/deliverables for the School District

## Administrative leadership and commitment to workforce readiness

- 🏠 Single point of contact for business and industry
  - ✿ Sam Stewart/realignment with secondary education
- 🏠 Improved communication and responsiveness
  - ✿ Visibility
  - ✿ Counselor focus
  - ✿ Training/information/tools
  - ✿ Highlight and support programs (CTSOs)
  - ✿ Curriculum standards crosswalk
- 🏠 Consolidation of programs to maximize resources
  - ✿ K-12 career strand developed/embedded
    - K-6 Awareness; 7-10 Exploration; 11-12 Preparation
  - ✿ Participation in Kenai Peninsula World Class Workforce Coalition
  - ✿ Workforce Development Program
  - ✿ Job Shadow experiences
  - ✿ Job Service involvement



## Call to Action for School Board:

1. Understand and support K-12 role in workforce development
2. "Champion" importance of preparation for a variety of post secondary opportunities for students that are matched to needs/interests
3. Serve on committees for expanding partnerships
4. Protect current level of funding for career and technical education

