

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 13, 2009

To: School Board Members

Through: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

From: Dr. Steve Atwater, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction The Rock

Re: Expanding River City Academy to Include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

The Administration recommends that River City Academy (RCA) be allowed to expand its enrollment guidelines to accept students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This Board action is required because it changes the configuration of a school.

The interest to allow 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend RCA comes from a small group of parents who want their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade children to attend a performance-based school. The parents were introduced to the nuances of RCA's performance-based system at a meeting on April 2, 2009. RCA Principal Gregg Wilbanks and the school's staff support including 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in their enrollment. Further, Skyview High School Principal Randy Neill supports RCA including these students. Recall that beginning in August, RCA will be housed at Skyview High School.