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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 7, 2009
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Steve Atwater, Ph.D. 
Superintendent of Schools
RE: Acceptance of Federal Stimulus Funds

State Fiscal and Stabilization Funds (SFSF) are the ARRA program not tied to other NCLB programs and are to be used according to priorities established by district stakeholders and approved by the KPBSD School Board. It is the SFSF program that will be discussed during the worksession, with the priorities to be approved at the evening meeting. SFS Funds are available for two years ending in September 2011. KPBSD will receive 5,652,786.00 in SFSF funding.

SFSF activities must aim at the goal of “all students graduating from high school prepared for college and a career and have the opportunity to complete at least one year of post-secondary education.” Activities funded through this program must be sustainable and/or build capacity within the district. To meet this goal, activities should address one of the following five reforms:

- Adapt rigorous college-ready and career-ready standards and assessments
- Establish data systems and use data for improvement
- Increase teacher effectiveness and distribute effective teachers equitably
- Turn around the lowest performing schools
- Improving results for all students

Through discussion a list of priorities should be developed and direction given to KPBSD administration to address these priorities through SFSF activities. These priorities will be approved by vote at the evening meeting.

It is the recommendation of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Administration that you approve the District’s application for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).