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To: KPBSD School Board

From: Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent

Re: District Drug Testing Task Force Update

On June 7, 2010 the Task Force met again to finalize recommendations for the School Board to consider. The Task Force reached consensus on the following for your consideration:

1. **Conduct Community Meetings:** After the Task Force reviewed all available District Data with much discussion about anecdotal evidence in regards to student drug and alcohol use, it was agreed that a formal process to gather information from the communities on their perceptions should be developed. The Task force recommends the Board convene a series of community meetings across the Peninsula to gather anecdotal evidence as a part of making any decision on whether or not to implement a co-curricular student drug/alcohol testing program. This will ensure the Board is able to develop strong and/or compelling reasons for testing or not testing. The meetings would begin this fall with testimony directly taken by the Board. This would also give the Board an opportunity to better judge the scope of the problem among our student body. Student led and student involved meetings should also be conducted to get their insight and perspective. Our current data on discipline relating to drugs and alcohol show a decline in incidents over the past four years. Incidents with athletes in particular are recently being tracked through ASAA so results are not longitudinal in nature.
2. **Pursue in-depth legal analysis:** Legal ramifications were also a part of the discussion within the Task Force. While student drug testing programs have not been challenged in Alaska to date, there is a case involving State employees where random testing has been deemed unconstitutional. Other Districts around the State have implemented testing programs, but so far none have been legally challenged. They have developed comprehensive policies that could serve as models. The Task Force believes that those policies should be reviewed by our legal advisors to ensure they would meet our District's needs. Therefore, the board should seek in-depth legal guidance to ensure any program adoption would withstand challenge. It is also important for the board to consider legal recommendations to make an informed decision on how to proceed. The task force recommends this be done at a work session before the community meetings commence.

3. Education, Intervention, Prevention program: The Task Force spent time discussing current efforts by the District to prevent drug and alcohol use among the student body. Current programs rely upon health curriculum and outside entities. The Task Force believes more can be done, especially with research based programs integrated across the curriculum. A consensus was reached that with or without a co-curricular student drug testing program, a robust education, intervention, and prevention program must be implemented to substantially decrease student drug and alcohol use in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

The Task Force worked diligently to develop and consider all unintended consequences of any such program. Many perspectives were taken into account along with information provided by other District's as they have embarked on implementing a testing program. As the Board works to move this process forward this information will be shared so that a thoughtful decision can be made.

The Task Force respectfully submits the above recommendations as a way to move forward so that the School Board may begin to address the concern in a logical and thoughtful manner. The Task Force looks forward to discussing the recommendations with you at the upcoming Board meeting.

Sincerely,



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KPBSD Discipline Data

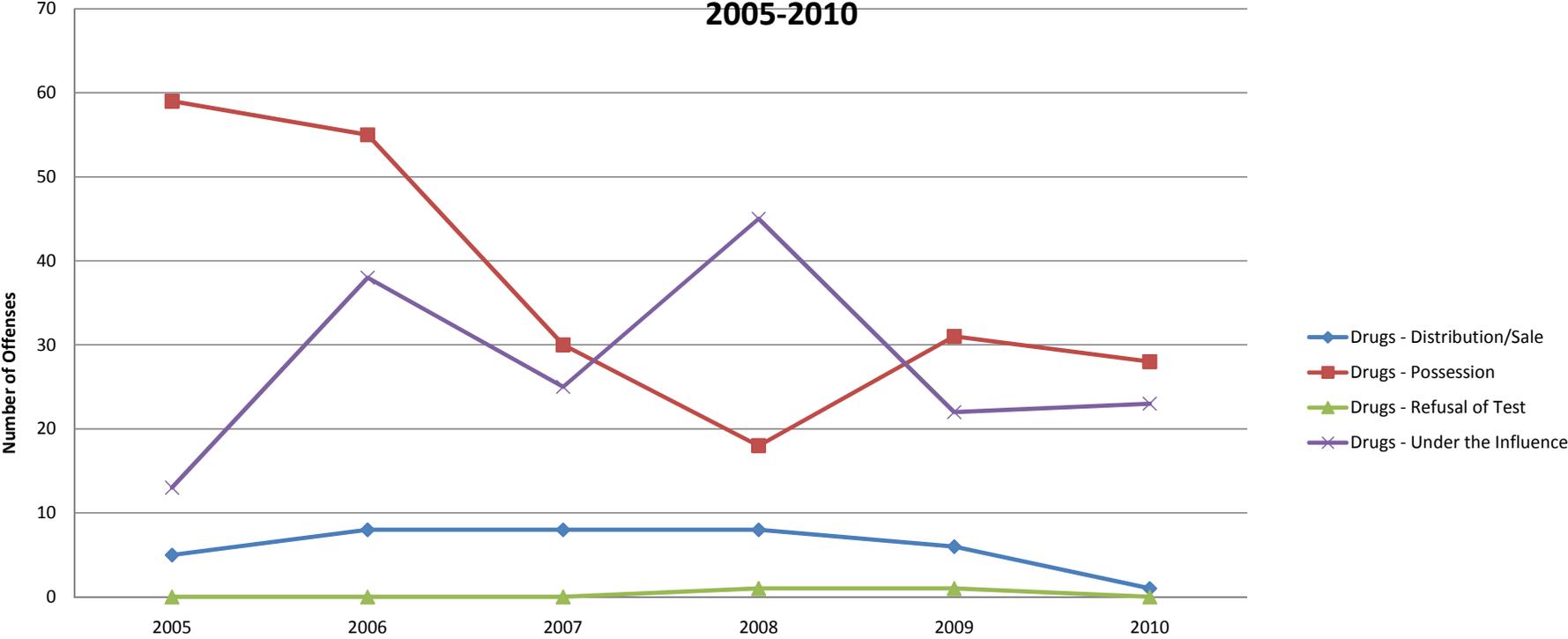
2005-2010

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alcohol						
Alcohol - Distribution/Sale	0	0	1	0	0	0
Alcohol - Possession	4	18	5	3	7	2
Alcohol - Under the Influence	11	18	37	8	9	2
Total Alcohol Offenses	15	36	43	11	16	4
Drugs						
Drugs - Distribution/Sale	5	8	8	8	6	1
Drugs - Possession	59	55	30	18	31	28
Drugs - Refusal of Test	0	0	0	1	1	0
Drugs - Under the Influence	13	38	25	45	22	23
Total Drug Offenses	77	101	63	72	60	52
Grand Total	92	137	106	83	76	56

2005-2010
Drug, Alcohol Violations by Grade

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alcohol Offenses						
7	0	0	0	1	4	0
8	0	6	6	1	4	0
Middle Total	0	6	6	2	8	0
9	5	10	9	2	2	1
10	3	3	8	2	4	1
11	4	6	8	3	1	2
12	3	10	8	1	0	0
High School Total	15	29	33	8	7	4
Drug Offenses						
7	3	10	1	4	7	7
8	21	17	12	9	6	6
Middle School Total	24	27	13	13	13	13
9	33	34	21	23	11	14
10	11	13	13	20	18	14
11	3	15	4	8	7	5
12	2	8	6	7	7	6
High School Total	49	70	44	58	43	39

Drug Offenses 2005-2010



Alcohol Offenses 2005-2010

