

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

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Attachments:

☐ Action Needed ☒ For Discussion ☐ Information ☐ Other: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

KPBSD Benefitting from Senate Bills 84 and 199

The Secondary Education Department continues to move forward with implementation of the CTE plan with the infusion of SB 84 and SB 199 monies (\$1.2 million a year for the next four years). This summer will close out year 1 of the plan with multiple capital improvement projects across the district (Nanwalek, KCHS, Seward High, and Skyview). This school year additional afterschool CTE academies were offered beyond our Construction Education Foundation grant academies, and the District piloted our "Fractional CTE Class" offerings with the hiring of 3 industry Type M teacher candidates.

Year 2 (2012-2013) will focus on expansion of "Fractional CTE Course" offerings to every high school in the district, implementation of our new District Career Counselor, extensive work and final implementation of Personalized Learning and Career Plans for every student in grades 7-12/AKCIS, and some additional capital improvement projects throughout the district. Additionally, middle school students across the district will see enhanced CTE offerings in their schools along with career counseling services provided by District Career Guides/Liaisons under the direction of the District Career Counselor.

Partnership with the Alaska College & Career Advising Corps

Starting in the 2012-2013 school year KPBSD will be working in partnership with the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to bring The Alaska College & Career Advising Corps to two of our high schools. Nikiski and Skyview high school were targeted by the commission due to their enrollment sizes and postsecondary participation rates. Nikiski and Skyview will share a College & Career Guide.

The Alaska College & Career Advising Corps was started in spring 2009 as a method to address low postsecondary participation rates in Alaska. It is a near peer mentoring program that places recent college graduates (within one year or less) into targeted high schools. The "College & Career Guides" work alongside the counselor's, teachers and administration to ultimately increase the number of graduates who enroll in and complete postsecondary education or training programs. The Guides do a variety of things from classroom and group presentations, one on one assistance with admissions and financial aid applications, and working with parents and families in evening workshops. They also provide resources and assistance in preparing students for PSAT, SAT, ACT and other entrance and placement exams. The guides are embedded in the school and work to become active members of the school community

Here is a list of the 2012 expansion of the Alaska College & Career Advising Corps and the College & Career Guides that will be placed in Alaska high schools:

ACPE/ACAC will have College & Career Guides at the following schools in fall 2012

Service High School	2009 Pilot Site
Bartlett High School	2010 Expansion
Bethel Regional High School	2011 Expansion
Kodiak High School <i>(and 8 rural schools in the district)</i>	2012 Expansion
Lathrop High School	2012 Expansion
Nikiski Middle/High School <i>(shared guide with Skyview)</i>	2012 Expansion
North Pole High School	2012 Expansion
Skyview High School <i>(shared guide with Nikiski)</i>	2012 Expansion

As part of KPBSD's CTE plan and the monies allocated to the district from the legislature from SB 84 and SB 199 the district will also be expanding our own cadre of Career Guides/Liaisons. For the past few years KPBSD has had only one Career Guide on staff though our Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Youth First Grant. Our plan is to expand our Career Guides/Liaisons with 3 additional Guides assigned specifically to the Central Peninsula, Seward, and the Homer areas.

SB 199 provides the KPBSD with approximately \$200,000.00 in Career and Technical Education monies for district wide middle schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION