



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Memorandum

To: KPBSD School Board

From: Norma Holmgaard, Director of Federal Programs

Through: Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: KPBSD Title VII, Indian Education Program

The Title VII Parent Advisory Committee made a decision in the winter of 2007 to refocus from services to eligible elementary students to services to eligible students at the middle and high school levels.

This change was prompted by data showing a lack of substantial positive academic gains from the elementary program as well as the academic and career development needs of middle and high school students.

To provide academic services to middle school students, career development services to high school students and cultural events for all, KPBSD is working in partnership with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Salamatof Tribe and Native Village of Tyonek.

Through these partnerships, academic support will be provided for Alaska Native students in Nikiski Middle School, Kenai Middle School, Soldotna Middle School, Homer Middle School and Seward Middle School. Career development support will be provided to students in the large high schools through the work of career counselors. Cultural activities will occur throughout the year beginning on November 3 with a full day cultural event to be held at Kenai Central High School.

In partnership with the Native Village of Tyonek, cultural activities will be provided for students and staff. In addition, a book club will be established for students and adults to promote leisure time reading.

KPBSD Director of Federal Programs meets regularly with Title VII partners to monitor services and problem-solve potential obstacles to student services.

The August Title VII Newsletter and the minutes from the Parent Advisory Committee meetings can be found at www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=154