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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent

SUBJECT: QS2 program

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is involved in the Quality Schools/Quality Students initiative through the Association of Alaska School Boards. QS2 is a school improvement service that works with districts and their communities to increase student achievement to meet or exceed state standards. The service aims to connect shared educational goals and vision with successful practices. Development is focused in four areas – leadership; programs and staff; community, parents, and students; and resources. For a district our size, which does not have all schools currently participating, improvement efforts are directed by updating individual school improvement plans.

Bruce Johnson, QS2 director, and André Layral, community engagement educator, visited participating District schools in Nanwalek, Tyonek, Seward and Ninilchik on Nov. 13 and 14. They were here to compile an “inventory” of each school, looking at student achievement and the factors that influence it, which will help the District identify priorities for future action to increase achievement.

The next step is for QS2 to compile and release the inventories to the District, followed by strategic planning to establish a vision for the schools and develop action plans based on analysis of collected data. After that, QS2 will facilitate the development of a customized plan of assistance and development that will then be implemented.