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February 4, 2008

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Tim Peterson, Director, Human Resources
THROUGH: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent
SUBJECT: Approval of Resignations – Item 10a (1)



It is recommended the following resignations be approved:

Ron Keffer	Principal, Homer High School	effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year
Erin Southwick	Music, Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori School	effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year
Aaron Geiger	School Psychologist, Soldotna Middle School	effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year
Christopher Lau	Teacher, Spring Creek School	effective January 29, 2008
Ray Hillman	Principal, Voznesenka School	effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year

Ronald L. Keffer

Homer, Alaska 99603

7 January 2008



Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
148 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Dear Dr. Peterson:

After considerable deliberation over the past few months, I have decided to retire at the end of the 2007 – 08 school year. Please consider this to be my resignation, effective at the end of the current contract period.

When you selected me to be principal of Homer High School in 2000, I expected the job to be a challenge and a pleasure. In fact, it has been both, but I never anticipated the great enjoyment and fulfillment I would derive from the position. Homer High's students, parents, staff, and community always have been supportive, but they also have pushed me to realize many more of my own capabilities than I expected. I cannot imagine that anyone has had a better job than I during the last eight years, and I am confident my memories of it always will be pleasant.

Your own constant efforts to energize and support my work as a KPBSD administrator are much appreciated and will not soon be forgotten. You have been the superintendent many principals wish they had. Thank you! I also am grateful for the fine staff you have gathered in the district office to facilitate the work of principals and teachers.

KPBSD has the great advantage of having an engaged and caring school board. I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with many of the board members during my tenure here, and their good work has helped make Homer High the excellent school I know it to be.

Above all I regret leaving behind the daily interaction with a truly superb staff of professional educators and the marvelous students at Homer High. Words fail me in trying to describe the levels of excellence they have reached and the feeling of family they all bring to school with them. I owe them more than they ever will know.

Though I hope I will not altogether lose touch with the people I have known and enjoyed for the last eight years, this will be a very large, and necessary, change for me. I leave with feelings of gratitude and joy for the wonderful experience.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Keffer
Ronald L. Keffer, Ed.D.

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Erin Southwick

Soldotna, AK 99669

January 24, 2008

Dr. Donna Peterson
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
148 North Binkley
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Dr. Peterson,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that effective at the end of this contracted school year I am resigning my position as music teacher for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. I will be getting married and moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

I wanted to take the time to tell you how much I have loved my position at Soldotna Elementary School and Soldotna Montessori School. I have had professional and personal experiences here and formed relationships with my colleagues that have helped to make me an excellent teacher, co-worker, and friend. I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work in such a positive environment and contribute to this exceptional learning community.

Sincerely,



Erin L. Southwick
K-6 General Music and Concert Band
Soldotna Elementary School
Soldotna Montessori School

Cc: Tim Peterson
Carolyn Cannava



January 29, 2008

Tim Peterson
Director of Human Resources
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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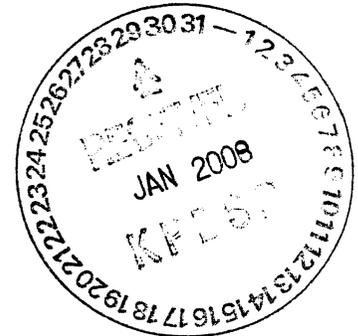
Dear Mr. Peterson,

I am submitting this letter of resignation to inform you that I will be leaving Alaska after the conclusion of the current school year, 2007-08, and will not be returning to work with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) next school year, 2008-09. I would like to note that I will not be leaving the KPBSD for professional reasons as the people I've worked or interacted with in Tustumena Elementary School, Ninilchik School, Soldotna Middle School, Soldotna High School, the Pupil Services Department, as well as the other district school psychologists and various central office personnel (including, but not limited to, individuals working for Payroll and Human Resources) have made the KPBSD an excellent district with which to begin my career as a school psychologist. I am grateful to all of those involved in providing me with the opportunity to begin my career with the KPBSD and to those who helped make my two years here as positive of an experience as it has been.

Sincerely,



Aaron Geiger, Ed.S., NCSP



January 15, 2008

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
148 N. Binkley St.
Soldotna, AK 99669

Subject: Release from contract

I am requesting to be released from my contract as English teacher for Spring Creek School. My resignation is being tendered due to self-evident, increased stress levels attributed to my seven years teaching experience working with felony-convicted students in a maximum security prison environment. Working in the maximum prison setting is having a negative impact on my personal health as well as the welfare of my family.

I can no longer continue to work in this environment, at the same time ignoring the dynamics of youthful offender criminal behavior in addition to working the year round schedule. This stress is affecting my family's well being due to their concerns about my personal safety, the result of working inside the maximum security prison with youthful offenders whose criminal acts are widely publicized in the media prior to being assigned to the program.

This decision has not come lightly for me. I have discussed this at length with my building administrator over the past few months. We have addressed my options at length, and believe that leaving at this time would be in best interest of the Spring Creek School program, the Correctional Center staff, and the overall welfare of my family and myself.

Sincerely,



Christopher Lau
Spring Creek Teacher



Voznesenka School

January 15, 2008

Donna Peterson, Superintendent
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Soldotna, Alaska

Dear Donna:

This letter is to confirm my intentions to retire from my position as Principal of the Voznesenka school at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. These have been a wonderful years, and an exciting and rewarding end to my career in education. I have learned to love the students of the school and the members of the community, and to appreciate their cultural heritage and individual differences.

I have appreciated the support, training, and assistance of the school district. The Kenai District is unquestionably the most professional educational group I have worked with. I have learned a great deal, and will always try to share what I have gained with others.

Sincerely,



Ray A. Hillman
Voznesenka Principal

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