



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Directors

THROUGH: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

FROM: Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: At-the-Cap Funding

Background:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 2008-040 was approved at the May 6, 2008 Borough Assembly meeting after much discussion - both at the Finance worksession held earlier in the day, and at the Assembly meeting that evening.

My assessment of the collective Assembly's position is that the local effort funding at-the-cap is no longer assured.

Pertinent Information:

You may recall that the subject of school consolidation was raised during the Budget Committee process this year and it was actively discussed during the joint Assembly/Board of Education budget worksession on January 14, 2008.

In a conversation during a break on May 6, 2008, one Assembly member asked if the Assembly needed to draft a resolution requesting the Board of Education investigate consolidating schools. I assured that member such action was not necessary.

The mere mention that consolidation of schools is slated for potential consideration polarizes our communities, as experienced when this matter has been reviewed in the past. Much counter-productive angst is created for the communities involved.

However, in my opinion, future at-the-cap funding is in serious jeopardy if the District does not review school consolidation to address public and Assembly concerns.

Next Steps:

Estimated cost for consulting services is \$100,000. The Administration seeks direction from the Board of Education in this matter