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Senator Pete Kelly
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Senate Finance Committee

Good Morning Co-Chairs Kelly and MacKinnon and Members of the Committee. My name is Dave Jones and I am the Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. I am writing you today in regards to the Capital Budget and SB 26.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD) participated in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process through the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DOEED) for FY16. After all the evaluation and scoring was completed, the number one rated project under the School Construction Grant Fund was for new school construction in Kachemak Selo. The recommended state share was \$10,867,503 with the district share of \$5,851,733 for a total project cost of \$16,719,236. This is the first time that KPBSD has ever had a project finish high enough on the School Construction Grant Fund list to qualify for funding!

Until yesterday (4/8/2015), it was our understanding that money had been re-appropriated and the project was going to be funded in the Capital Budget. Now it appears there will be no funding of School Construction Grant Fund projects. The Kachemak Selo project was rated as the highest need because of poor existing facilities and unhoused students. On behalf of those students, we would like to respectfully request that funding for this project be reinstated.

If it is not possible to fully fund this project, we would, in the alternative, request that you short fund the project for approximately \$1.1 million dollars to be used for design work. This would help us to keep the project on top of the list for future funding.

Thank you once again for all the work you do, and please let us know if we can provide further information for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Jones".

Dave Jones
Assistant Superintendent