## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **RESOLUTION 03-04-2**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MANDATED FISCAL IMPACT NOTES FOR ALL LEGISLATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS THAT AFFECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, fiscal notes formally calculate the financial impacts of proposed legislation and administrative actions and, currently, the State of Alaska requires fiscal notes only for impacts on the State budget, with no provision to protect and inform local taxpayers about financial impact on local government budgets; and

WHEREAS, information provided in fiscal notes can be useful for decision making even when dollar estimates are not possible; and

WHEREAS, 42 states require consideration of impacts on both state and local governments to protect and inform local taxpayers about state legislation and administration actions that will raise local taxes or reduce local services; and

WHEREAS, Article X Section 14 of the Alaska Constitution charges the Executive Branch of the State government with the responsibility to "advise and assist local governments;" and

**WHEREAS**, while the Governor and Legislature search for ways to reduce State spending, it is likely that some proposed measures will affect local taxpayers through economic impacts on school districts or other local governments.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough Board of Education resolves to urge the Alaska Legislature:

- To require fiscal notes for all legislation or administrative actions that could affect local taxpayers through economic impacts on school districts or other local governments.
- To require that fiscal notes for local economic impacts be prepared at the same time as fiscal notes
  for State government impacts and that the fiscal note process include e-mail notification of school
  district and local government administrators and finance officials.
- To require that, to the extent possible, fiscal notes should estimate the separate dollar amount of impact for each school district or local government jurisdiction affected, for the current fiscal year and each of the next two (2) succeeding fiscal years.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of January, 2004.

Deborah Germano, President

School Board

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