## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION 07-08-2

## SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE REPORT

WHEREAS, The Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force met regularly over the summer; and

WHEREAS, the Task Fore accepted public testimony, and openly discussed and debated the merits of different changes to the education funding formula; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has prepared a report to the Legislature and the Governor; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Task Force recommendations will improve public education in Alaska and provide school districts with a more equitable and stable funding scheme; and

WHEREAS, in the creation of the report, compromises were made to reach a generally acceptable consensus: and

WHEREAS, the Task Force specifically discussed that the Base Student Allocation amount would be subject to further debate in the Legislature;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education supports the recommendations of the Task Force; and specifically finds the following recommendations to be of high importance:

- The passing by the Legislature of SB 125 (PERS/TRS cost sharing) in substantially the same form as it currently exists;
- The creation of standing Education Committees in the House and Senate to oversee and review all education issues in the state:
- · The referral to the Education Committees of the various long-term issues discussed in the Task Force report;
- The implementation of the ISER district cost factors, phased in to statute over time as set out in the Task Force recommendations;
- The phased increases in the intensive need funding with those increases set into statute;
- The recalibration of the transportation reimbursement rate based on the most recent actual audited costs; and
- · An increasing Base Student Allocation amount, set in statute for fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011, at an amount that will keep pace with projected cost increases over those years.

Adopted by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Board of Education on this 1st day of October, 2007. STATE AND TA

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Debra Mullins, President

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education

ATTEST: Sally Tachick

Notary Public, State of Alaska

My Commission Expires 07/25/09