

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



KPBSD

Our Mission: Supporting Students in Life Success

Message from the Superintendent



Dear Students, Families, Staff,
and Community Members,

Each year in this role, I gain a deeper appreciation for the strength and resilience of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District community. The 2024–2025 school year brought both challenges and meaningful progress, and through it all, the commitment to our students remained constant.

Across all 42 schools, our efforts are centered on student learning and meaningful outcomes. We are committed to ensuring that every young person is equipped with the tools, skills, and confidence they need to thrive. From building strong literacy foundations in the early grades to expanding career and technical pathways in high school, we are evolving to meet the needs of today's students and preparing them for the opportunities that lie ahead.

This year, we saw unprecedented growth in the number of students earning industry certifications through our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. More students than ever are taking dual enrollment college courses, and overall, KPBSD students who took AP exams outscored their peers from around the globe. Our teachers and staff continue to adapt and innovate, and I'm proud of the way they lead with both skill and heart.

While the State of Alaska continues to face challenges in providing consistent and adequate funding for public education, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District remains strong. We continue to adapt, and our schools are thriving thanks to the steady leadership of our principals and the outstanding commitment of our teachers and support staff.

Public education is built on trust, and I'm grateful for the continued support of our families and community partners. Whether you volunteer, attend school events, partner with a school or business, advocate for education, or simply encourage a student, your involvement matters.

It is a privilege to serve as your Superintendent. I believe deeply in the potential of every student, and I look forward to the work we will do together on their behalf.

Sincerely,
Clayton Holland
Superintendent, KPBSD

Message from the Board President



The 2024–25 school year presented both successes and difficulties for the district.

The ongoing implementation of the Alaska Reads Act continued to show a positive impact, with reading proficiency in kindergarten through third grade again showing an upward trajectory. This progress highlights the importance of KPBSD's focus on evidence-based instruction and interventions for young learners. The dedication of all staff in implementing these literacy strategies is commendable.

The year also brought ongoing challenges, particularly concerning education funding and its impact on our district. While efforts to advocate for adequate funding continued, the Board of Education faced difficult decisions as the lack of predictable funding led to cuts in programs and staff. Despite these challenges, our commitment to securing the resources our students and educators need remains unwavering.

Moving forward, the district will maintain its commitment to advancing literacy and mathematics, while also fostering increased participation in dual enrollment and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. There is a continued commitment to investing in educators as well as addressing teacher recruitment and retention challenges. KPBSD will also strengthen community partnerships and advocate for resources to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, including their social, emotional, and mental health needs. Additionally, the district will remain focused on academic excellence and workforce development, preparing students to become contributing members of local communities and the economy.

Throughout the year, the Board of Education has remained focused on listening to student voice and community input. These perspectives are essential as we make decisions that shape the future of our schools. We also continue to work closely with district leadership to ensure our governance aligns with long-term strategic goals that promote student success.

It continues to be an incredible honor to serve on the Board of Education and as its President. The work we do on behalf of this district, and the communities of the Kenai Peninsula is both meaningful and deeply important. Our students are, and will always remain, at the center of every decision we make. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your support, your partnership, and your dedication to ensuring that every child in our district has the opportunity to thrive.

Zen Kelly

President, KPBSD Board of Education



Board Meeting Dates

July 1, 2024

August 5, 2024

September 9, 2024 (Seward)

October 7, 2024

October 14, 2024

November 4, 2024

December 2, 2024

January 13, 2025

February 3, 2025

March 3, 2025 (Homer)

April 7, 2025

May 5, 2025

June 2, 2025

Quarterly Work Sessions

August 6, 2024

November 5, 2024

February 4, 2025

June 3, 2025

Board of Education Members

*Elections in October 2025

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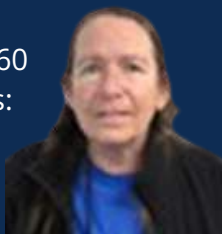
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Strategic Plan

Vision - Supporting Students in Life Success

Mission - Every KPBSD student will be a lifelong learner who will graduate with the knowledge, skills, integrity, perseverance, and community connectedness needed to pursue their passions and desired post-secondary opportunities.

Core Values



Priorities

One: Student Success

Two: School Climate and Safety

Three: Family and Community Engagement

Four: Workforce Development

Five: Organizational and Resource Management

KPBSD BOE Legislative Priorities

- Support students through programs and rigorous standards that ensure preparation for success in life.
- Provide fair, predictable, and proactive funding.
- Ensure safe schools and support student well-being by creating positive school climates and targeting student social, emotional, and wellness development.

District Facts

Size of District

The KPBSD is comprised of 42 schools, in 17 diverse communities spanning 25,600 square miles.

Transportation Miles

3651 Students per day
3456 Miles per day

Total of Meals Served

Breakfast			Lunch		
Free	Reduced	Paid	Free	Reduced	Paid
98,116	18,564	30,301	211,796	47,635	155,717
TOTAL: 146,981			TOTAL: 415,148		

Staffing Ratios:

Elementary Schools K-6 >=250

K 1:20.5
1-3 1:22.5
4-6 1:24.5

Small Elementary Schools K-6 = 100-250

1:19.5

Small Schools <200

K-6 1:17.5
* 1.0 minimum
IF ADM <25

Secondary Schools

1.0 IF 7-12 8-20
2.0 IF 7-12 21-40
1:19.5 IF 7-12 >40

High Schools

HS 1:30

Middle Schools

MS 1:25



Awards and Recognitions

Alaska School Activities Association State Champions

2024-2025 ASAA State Champions

- Baseball (D2) Soldotna High School
- Basketball (2A Girls) Seward High School
- Cross Country Running (D2 Girls) Seward High School
- Football (9 Man) Seward High School
- Football (D2) Soldotna High School
- Football (D3) Homer High School
- Soccer (D2 Girls) Kenai Central High School
- Track/Field (D2 Girls) Homer High School
- Track/Field (D1 Boys) Soldotna High School
- Volleyball (3A) Nikiski Middle Senior High School
- Wrestling (Girls) Soldotna High School

2024-2025 ASAA Academic Award

- Basketball (3A Boys) Kenai Central High School
- Basketball Cheer (D2) Seward High School
- Football (D2) Soldotna High School
- Football (D3) Homer High School
- Hockey (D2) Soldotna High School
- Softball (D2) Kenai Central High School
- Volleyball (3A) Kenai Central High School



Awards and Recognitions

Andrew Scrivo
Golden Apple Award
September 2024



Tabitha Blades
2024 AASSP Alaska Assistant Principal of the Year



Amanda Adams
US Department of State English Language Specialist Project



Rose Burke
Capitol Christmas Tree Essay Winner



Lucy Reynolds
GCI's AASAA Student of the Month



Aubrie Ellis
2025 AESP National Outstanding Asst. Principal of the Year



Kimb Remsen
Golden Apple Award
January 2025



Heather Baker
Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



Winter Marshall-Allen
2025 Inclusive Practices Award



Mike Crain
AASSP Region III Principal of the Year



Talon Musgrave
2025 AK Society for Technology in Education Tech Support Person of the Year



Kristie Cotroneo
2025 AK Society for Technology in Education Teacher of the Year



Hannah Leatherman
2025 Caring for the Kenai 1st Place



Pete Swanson
2025 Alan Haskins Principal of the Year Award



Julie Gottfried
2025 Alaska Science of Reading Ambassador



KPBSD Finance Department- Meritorious Budget Award and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, Association of School Business Officials Internation

UPDATES

CTE/Middle College Statistics

- **Total College credits** (Reported to KPBSD – Some students may have taken classes and not recorded them on their HS transcripts)
 - **3249 College credits**
 - 1083 High school credits earned through college coursework.
 - 335 Students earn college credits.

***This includes Middle College, JumpStart, CTE Camps and dual credit courses offered in KPBSD buildings.*
- **Total CTE Certifications:** 491 certifications earned during 2024-25

IT Update

The Information Services team is dedicated to driving innovation that simplifies processes and supports KPBSD's mission. We deliver practical, effective technology solutions and remain flexible in adopting new tools to meet the district's evolving needs. Guided by continuous improvement, we're excited about what lies ahead.

Current key initiatives include:

- **Wireless Infrastructure Refresh:** Upgrading the district's wireless network, last refreshed in 2015, to boost speed, coverage, and reliability.
- **Phone System Modernization:** Replacing outdated systems to improve reliability, call resiliency, and reduce long-distance costs.
- **Data Analytics and Visualization:** Integrating multiple datasets into a unified system to support deeper analysis, clearer insights, and better decision-making.

The district's long-standing Technology Plan, now in its 25th year, also supports the replacement of about 1,000 instructional devices. This ensures classroom technology remains dependable, providing a strong, stable foundation for learning and operations.



UPDATES

Bond Project/Capitol Improvement Update

On December 13, 2022, Ordinance 2022-19-31 was passed to forward fund project design effort associated with the School Improvement Projects.

Completed Projects

- Kenai Field Restroom and Concession
- Seward Track and Field Replacement

Currently Under Construction

- Chapman Pick Up/Drop Off
- Homer High School Front Entrance Improvements
- Hope School Roof Replacement
- Soldotna High School Siding Repair

Scheduled to begin 2026

- Parent Student Drop Off Improvements

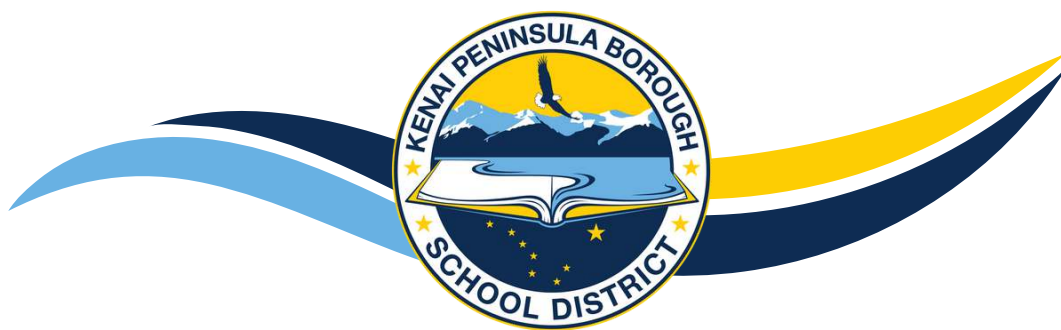
In Design

- Kenai Middle Safety and Security Renovation
- Mountain View Roof Replacement
- Nikiski North Star Roof Replacement
- Parent Student Drop Off Improvements
- Soldotna Schools Redesign

Design Complete

- Nikiski Track and Field Replacement





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