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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# NEWS RELEASE

## ***\$160 MILLION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE KENAI?***

**Soldotna, September 29, 2014—Does the bottom line in a \$160 million+ budget matter to you? These are the top three reasons to ink the date for the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, coming to a school near you, Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.**

1. Up front learning how KPBSD crafts an award-winning, multi-million dollar budget, every year
2. Give your opinion about budget areas to reduce and increase in 2015-2016. What matters, what doesn't?
3. Q & R: live question and response opportunity

“The district is again facing a fiscal gap for FY16 that may result in recommendations to our school board to reduce expenditures,” said Dr. Steve Atwater, superintendent. “I encourage the public to use this meeting as an opportunity to learn about this fiscal tension and to think in terms of what we can do differently to produce a balanced budget.”

Parents, staff, community members, and elected officials are invited to attend **Thursday, October 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m.**, via MS Lync, at these KPBSD school sites:

**Chapman School** – HMS library; **Connections Homeschool** – Main office; **Cooper Landing** – Room 4; **Fireweed Academy** – HMS library; **Homer High School** – HMS library; **Homer Middle School** – Library; **Hope** – Room 4; **K-Beach Elementary** – Room 18; **Kachemak-Selo** – HMS library; **Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science** – Library; **Kenai Central High School** – Library; **Kenai Middle School** – Library; **McNeil Canyon** – HMS library; **Moose Pass** – SWHS music room; **Mountain View Elementary** – KMS Library; **Nanwalek** – recording will be shown 10/14; **Nikiski North Star** – NMHS library; **Nikiski Middle/High School** – Library; **Nikolaevsk** – Library; **Ninilchik** – Library; **Paul Banks** – HMS library; **Port Graham** – recording will be shown 10/16; **Razdolna** – HMS library; **River City Academy** – library; **Redoubt Elementary** – Library; **Seward Elementary** – SWHS music room; **Seward Middle School** – SWHS music room; **Seward High School** – music room; **Skyview Middle School** – Staff lounge; **Soldotna Elementary** – Library; **Soldotna High School** – Room 24; **Soldotna Prep** – Library; **Sterling Elementary** – Room 161A; **Susan B. English** – Commons area; **Tebughna** – Room 1; **Tustumena Elementary** – Multipurpose room; **Voznesenka** – MHS library; and **West Homer Elementary** – HMS library.

### **KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS**

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“Our yearly budget is one of the most important things we do each year,” said Dave Jones, assistant superintendent of instructional support. “As such, we like to give our students, parents, staff, and community members a chance to participate and offer input. The meeting on October 9, will be the first step in the process to develop the FY16 budget and we hope to see a large turnout at all our schools across the district.”

Participant input will be synthesized and presented to the KPBSD school board during a work session on October 21, 2014.

Link

[KPBSD Finance Department](#)

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