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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

Susan B. English School shop fire

Soldotna, November 26, 2014—An early morning fire on Monday, November 24, 2014, at the Susan B. English school shop appears to have been caused by spontaneous combustion due to rags in a garbage can. There were no injuries, and the fire was an accident.

Current situation, Wednesday, November 26, 2014, consists of water, smoke, and soot damage, and unknown as of yet, structural damage. Currently the building is being stabilized, and the focus is on restoring heat.

There is NO ACCESS to the building at this time. The only exception is Kenai Peninsula Borough maintenance department or authorized personnel.

During the week of December 1, structural assessment and analysis, capital projects, planning and operations, and insurers will begin damage assessment and the scope of repairs needed including asbestos analysis.

No decisions about the future of the building are being made at this time, and financial estimates are not yet available.

After all assessments are made, KPBSD will provide a subsequent community update.

KPBSD is very thankful to the city employee who saw flames and called the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). Further thanks extend to the VFD who responded swiftly to fight the fire.

Questions: contact Julie Cisco, KPBSD director of planning and operations, 907-714-8820, JCisco@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

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