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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Funding and KPBSD

Please contact Conference Committee members and legislators to voice your opinion about the proposed reductions to education funding.*

- ✓ **The Senate Finance Committee amended [HB 72](#), with a 4.1 percent reduction to the *Foundation Formula* educational funding on April 2, 2015. The impact to KPBSD is:**
 - Reduction of state contribution to KPBSD: \$4,238,432
 - Reduction of local (borough) contribution to KPBSD: \$977,007
- ✓ **Governor Walker proposed an operating budget reduction of educational *One-Time Funding* in [HB 72](#). The impact to KPBSD is:**
 - Reduction of state contribution to KPBSD: \$2,262,989
 - Reduction of local (borough) contribution to KPBSD: \$520,487

Potential 2015-2016 revenue loss to KPBSD: \$7,998,915

Total possible reduction in state funding to KPBSD: \$6,501,421

Total possible reduction in local (borough) funding to KPBSD: \$1,497,494

- ✓ KPBSD understands that difficult financial decisions have to be made. We have confidence in our legislators and Speaker of the House Chenault, who have demonstrated support and advocacy for public education on the Kenai Peninsula.
- ✓ Over 80 percent of our 2015-2016 budget is related to staff (salary and benefits). An \$8 million reduction translates into the potential loss of up to 100 positions and vital programs.
- ✓ KPBSD is committed to deliver a quality education to our students and provide stability for our staff and communities. These unanticipated reductions, this late in the budgeting process, compromises our ability to prepare our students for their future.
- ✓ It is a constitutional responsibility of the State of Alaska to provide and maintain a public school system open to every child.
- ✓ The [HB72](#) Conference Committee comprised of Senate and House Finance standing committee members was announced April 7, 2015. The members are: [Representative Mark Neuman](#); [Representative Les Gara](#); [Representative Steve Thompson](#); [Senator Pete Kelly](#); [Senator Anna MacKinnon](#); and [Senator Donny Olson](#). These legislators are tasked to work together on the operating budget revenues, expenditures, and proposed reductions for a final budget by the end of the legislative session on April 19, 2015.

KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS

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Links

[HB 72](#)

[KPBSD and the Legislature webpage](#)

[The Alaska State Legislature webpage](#)

Media Release [April 3, 2015: Proposed reduction to education funding in Alaska](#)

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