

# Candidate for Board of Education

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## DISTRICT 4 (Soldotna) 3-Year Term



**Penny Vadla**

Residence Address:	399 W. Riverview Avenue, Soldotna, Alaska
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Occupation:	Retired Educator / College Professor
Spouse:	Bruce
Children:	Katlin & Brett
Residency in Alaska:	34-Years
Education:	BA-English / Masters-Public School Administration
Political & Governmental Experience:	School Board Member 2008-2011 Parks and Recreation Board Member 2010-2011
Business & Professional Positions:	Viking Construction-Officer Alaska State Writing Consortium Member-Leader
Service Organization Memberships:	Delta Kappa Gama-Education Association St. Vincent DePaul Society

### **Candidate's Statement (reproduced exactly as submitted):**

Education is one of the most important components of a successful nation.

I have always been thankful to live in a country that places such a strong emphasis on education. In 1969, I pursued a teaching degree in English and planned to travel the world and teach. My educational journey has taken me to New England, to a college in Oklahoma, to a Navajo reservation, to the Yukon River, and to the Kenai Peninsula for one year which has turned into an adventurous 33 years.

Today, many issues face our educational institutions: budgetary constraints, class size, school safety, graduation rates, academic and vocational class offerings, curriculum requirements, parent/community involvement, teacher retention, and more. As we address these issues, it is vital to keep the goal of educating the 'whole' student in the forefront of instructional decisions in order to provide the students of the Kenai Peninsula Borough with the best education possible.

My background in education, coupled with my experience as a school board member for the past three years working on budget, rewriting policy, attending conferences, and meeting with constituents and legislators have given me firsthand knowledge, of the underpinnings of the school district.