

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grace Merkes, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: John J. Williams, Borough Mayor
Craig Chapman, Finance Director

FROM: Bonnie L. Golden, Grants Manager

COPY: Melody Douglas, School District Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2008-19-07: An Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$505,000 from the State of Alaska for school equipment and supplies

The school district requested funding from the state legislature for equipment and supplies for schools throughout the Borough. Funding for these projects was included in Senate Bill 221, the State's capital budget, which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in May 2008. The State Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development notified the Borough that \$505,000 is available for school-related equipment and supplies. Because this is a State grant specifically designated in the bill authorizing the purchase of equipment and supplies, the Department of Education and Early Development has indicated that it will not be considered in calculating the school district cap formula.

The administration requests that the Borough's grant service fees be waived. The service fee was established to compensate the Borough's General Fund for costs it incurs in processing grants. In this particular instance, with the exception of filing the grant reports, the School District is paying all required expenditures and taking all administrative action. The administration believes that waiving the service fee would be appropriate for this grant.

Enactment of the attached ordinance will accept and appropriate the grant, making funds available to the School District. The School District will use this grant for classroom equipment such as student furniture, and for various program needs, including microscopes, scientific scales and balances, computers, printers, projectors, interactive white boards, digital photography cameras, DVD burners, scanners, etc. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.

Attachments:

Ordinance, DCCED notification letter, letter from School District