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## Additional Comments:

Please distribute a copy of the following letter to Mayor Dave Carey, Members of the KPB Assembly, and Dr. Donna Peterson, KPBSD.

Thank you.

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Official Business

Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Mayor David R. Carey 144 N. Binkley, Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Mayor Carey,

As you are well aware, the current economic climate has significantly impacted the amount of state funds the Kenai Peninsula Borough can expect next year. As competition for available funds intensifies, it is increasingly important that the Kenai Peninsula Borough differentiate itself from other boroughs in the state. One way in which the Borough can distinguish itself is by its support for education.

We kindly suggest that the Borough consider funding education to the cap. Funding to the cap demonstrates the value the Borough places on education and is a commitment the Legislature is likely to look favorably upon when funding decisions are made. In the past, full funding by the Kenai Peninsula Borough has given us a great tool to use when we compete for education dollars. It places the Borough in an improved position to receive funding and signals our strong support of area students.

As legislators who share your commitment to quality public education, we respectfully ask that you consider this suggestion.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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