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Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 98-040**

**A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR KNOWLES TO SIGN  
SENATE BILL 36 ON EDUCATION FUNDING  
AS PASSED BY THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS,** SB 36 creates a more equitable distribution of state aid that benefits all Alaskan students, with funding to be distributed on a per student basis; and

**WHEREAS,** the new funding formula is far less subject to manipulation; and

**WHEREAS,** SB 36 includes a 20% block grant to every district for categorical/special education needs, thereby enabling each school district to design their special needs programs to meet their specific requirements; and

**WHEREAS,** this legislation places a cap on administrative costs and encourages districts to direct more money to the classroom; and

**WHEREAS,** the new supplemental funding floor provision ensures that no school district loses; and

**WHEREAS,** SB 36 provides for school accountability and performance standards; and

**WHEREAS,** concerns about a new funding formula are sufficiently addressed by the Legislature's adoption of a "Letter of Intent" directing the Department of Education to include in the required report of Section 47 a thorough review of educational adequacy in the schools of Alaska, paying particular attention to differences in costs of school operations between communities, differences in costs of school operations depending on their size, and the particular effects and impacts described in A.S. 14. 17.490(d), and to present this report to the Legislature no later than January 15, 2001.

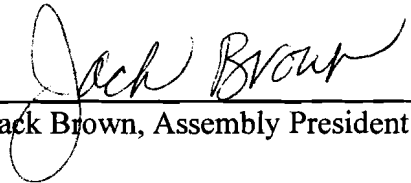
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports Senate Bill 36 on education funding.

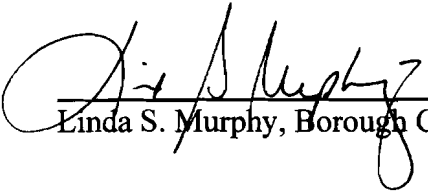
**SECTION 2.** That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Knowles and the Kenai Peninsula Legislative Delegation.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 1998.**

  
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Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

