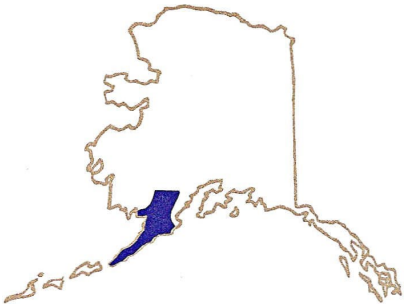
Lake and Peninsula Borough
P.O. Box 495
King Salmon, Alaska 99613

Telephone: (907) 246-3421
Fax: (907) 246-6602



October 23, 2026

To: Lake and Peninsula Borough School Board members
Kasie Luke, Superintendent

From: Nathan Hill

Re: Joint Assembly & School Board Meeting re: Education

Thank you for the School Board's continued interest in establishing a joint Education Committee. The Borough shares the District's commitment to improving communication and collaboration on educational issues that affect our communities, and we look forward to moving this effort forward.

The formation of an education committee has been discussed by the Assembly and School Board on two occasions in 2026: first in Newhalen in the spring, and again at their joint meeting in May. These discussions reflected a shared interest in strengthening communication and creating a more consistent way to address educational issues between joint meetings. The Assembly has since appointed its representatives to the committee, and we are ready to begin its work.

We appreciate the Board's interest in bringing the full Assembly and School Board together in November to discuss committee membership, meeting schedules, and goals. At the same time, we must use public funds carefully and ensure travel expenditures provide meaningful value to the Borough and its residents. Given the costs and logistical challenges of bringing our Assembly and staff together in person, we believe in-person joint meetings should be reserved for substantive discussions and matters that benefit from the participation of both governing bodies.

With that in mind, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with the School Board by Zoom to discuss any questions or ideas about the committee. We believe the initial organizational work—including confirming membership, establishing a meeting schedule, and identifying priorities—can be completed effectively through virtual meetings and direct coordination among the appointed representatives
.
Our goal is to use public resources effectively while ensuring the committee gets off to a productive start. By allowing committee members to coordinate the initial details, we can focus future joint meetings of the Assembly and School Board on substantive issues, shared challenges, and opportunities to improve educational outcomes for our communities.

We appreciate the School Board's partnership and willingness to work collaboratively with the Borough. We remain available to meet by Zoom at a mutually convenient time and look forward to the committee's work.