

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

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MEETING OF May 13, 2020

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Item Title

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize the Superintendent to adjust the last student contact day of the 2019-2020 school year

Superintendent

Personnel

Finance

SUBMITTED BY Beth Lougee, Superintendent

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board is being asked to authorize the Superintendent to approve adjustments to the last student contact day of the 2019-2020 upon recommendation from the District Education Team.

ISSUE: KGBSD is operating during a state of emergency amid a global pandemic, yet continues to provide programming to students and families, training and professional development for staff, and other ancillary services such as Food Service and Technology support. District administration has Board Policy that designates the Superintendent to make decisions regarding instructional programming. BP 6114.40 "Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies" specifically authorizes the Superintendent to develop a plan of alternate means of education of students in the event of prolonged school closings. However, BP 6111 and 6112 state that the School Calendar and School Day shall be approved by the School Board.

BACKGROUND: Owing to the public health emergency and subsequent statewide school closures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, KGBSD has worked to implement a learning plan without on-site student contact through the end of the regular 2019-2020 school year. Immediately upon notification of the first statewide school closure, the Superintendent formed the District Coordination Team and the District Education Team to develop and implement all subsequent operational and instructional plans for the District during the extended closure. Recommendations for adjustments to programming are made by these teams to the Superintendent.

The District Education Team is tasked with evaluating instructional programming needs through the end of the current year ahead of the fall school start. Based on the Continuity of Learning and Smart Start 2020 plan development, an adjustment is being recommended to the last student contact day of the year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to authorize the Superintendent to adjust the last student contact day, upon recommendation from the District Education Team.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to approve adjustments to the last student contact day of the 2019-2020 school year based on the recommendation of the District Education Team."