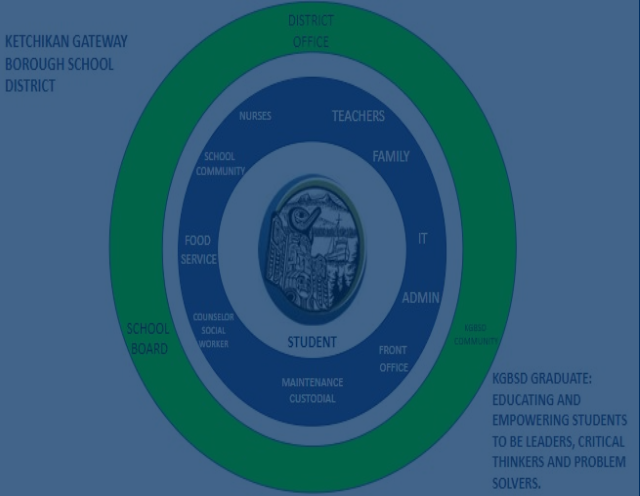


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Engagement - Relationships - Student Centered





Notes:

SB140

On Saturday, January 20th, the House Rules Committee heard [SB 140](#), Internet for Schools. The committee heard testimony from DEED Commissioner Deena Bishop in favor of the legislation before hearing almost five hours of public testimony asking for a larger increase to the BSA (\$300) and to leave the authorization of charter schools to local school boards and districts. Thank you to everyone who called and waited multiple hours to put your testimony on the record.

After the many hours of public testimony from across Alaska from both educators and community members, the committee considered 5 amendments to SB 140, three of the amendments passed and then passed SB 140 from committee to the House Floor.

Please see the amendments that passed here:

[Amendment 1](#): From Representative Sumner - This amendment would change the funding factor of correspondence schools to the ADM of a correspondence program by the special needs factor. This reflects the work Representative Ruffridge did last year.

[Amendment 2](#): From Representative Sumner - This amendment would include the language of [SB 29](#), Senator Stevens' Civics Education Bill. **This amendment would require a civics education curriculum and assessment for all students in order to graduate high school.** Students could take the test as many times as needed to pass with a score of 70%.



Notes:

SB140

Amendment 5: From Representative Johnson - This amendment would require the state to conduct a financial audit of at least four randomly selected school districts each fiscal year. It would also require the senate and house education committees to prepare a report each year that shall contain the following:

- Recommendations for any change to public school foundation funding the department supports
- A survey of each school district's curriculum, programs, and services and an explanation of whether there is any duplication of the curriculum, programs, and services within the district
- a definition of "accountability" as that term applies to measuring school and student performance
- Recommended metrics for determining school and student performance other than the standardized testing that is currently used.

Representative Schrage brought forth two amendments which failed. One amendment would have removed language authorizing DEED to approve charter schools, and the other would have increased the BSA to \$7,373.

SB 140 will now go through the amendment process on the House Floor. Please reach out to your representative to voice your concerns about local control of charter schools and the need for a significant increase to the BSA.

Superintendent Report



Michael Robbins
Superintendent
February 2024

Notes:

Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The 4 Strategic Plan subcommittees will meet February 26 - 29, 2024. ● The focus areas are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Academic Achievement ○ Career & Technical Education ○ Social & Emotional Learning ○ Communications
Legislative Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thank you to the Borough for your continued support of KGBSD ● Meeting with House of Representatives Member Dan Ortiz ● Meeting with Senator Stedman ● Liaison Committee

Professional Development

Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● February Principal Meeting ● Legislative Fly-In - Juneau ● Trauma Engaged Conference - Districtwide - Ricky Robertson ● February 16 - Trauma Engaged 1 Day Professional Development - Kayhi
Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trauma Engaged Conference - Districtwide - Ricky Robertson ● February 16 - Trauma Engaged 1 Day Professional Development - Kayhi ● Friday Professional Development Day - Building lead ● Alice Training - Building Level
Superintendent Deputy Superintendent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Superintendent Monthly Meetings ● New Superintendent's Monthly Meeting ● Mentoring Meeting ● Legislative Fly In - Juneau, AK ● National Superintendent Conference
Board of Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AASB Fly in - Juneau, AK



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Government Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● KIC Tribal Council● KIC Tribal Government President
Community Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ketchikan Police Department● Ketchikan Wellness Coalition● Ketchikan City Manager● Ketchikan Fire Department● Chamber of Commerce