



# Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District

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## Memo

**To: KGBSD School Board Members**

**From:** Melissa Johnson, Interim Superintendent

**CC:** Kerry Watson, Board Clerk

**Date:** May 6, 2022

**RE: Superintendent Report for May 11, 2022 meeting**

### Teacher Appreciation

May 2nd -May 5th is Teacher Appreciation week!

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week- the KGBSD is very grateful and appreciative for all of the work that each of you do. I also wanted to take a moment and express my personal appreciation for all of you. Everything that each one of you do for the students and families in our community does not go unnoticed. I am honored to live and work alongside such a dedicated group of professionals.

Your commitment to education has made my experience as the Interim Superintendent extremely rewarding. I am very proud to say that I work for the best district in the State of Alaska.

**THANK YOU  
TEACHERS!**

The Ketchikan Gateway  
Borough School District  
appreciates all you do  
for the children of  
Ketchikan.



Public Recognition to former Kayhi Graduate John Brown who is the recipient of the **ASAA's Gold Pass Award**. AASB asked for nominations for individuals who made a contribution to high school activities in Alaska or at the national level by demonstrating leadership at the state or national level for at least 20 years. John Brown was the first name that came to mind from Ketchikan Alaska. He is a 4 time basketball state champion along with coaching 15 years+ at Kayhi. He has coached both boys and girls basketball and often works with youth at 5:30 AM every morning at the Rec Center. John is a



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servant at heart and gives up his time to make the next generation better. Congratulations John Brown!

### Retirements:

The KGBSD wanted to say thank you to the amazing teachers and staff who are retiring from the district. The district will desperately miss you and we will never forget you!

- **Sharon Creasy 19 Years of Service**
- **Melissa Klesper 19 Years of Service**
- **Susan Webb 23 Years of Service**
- **Valerie Brooks 27 years of Service**
- **Carol Stanton 27 years of Service**
- **Penny Ranniger 29 Years of Service**
- **Kerry Watson 31 Years of Service**
- **Susan Johnson 34 Years of Service**
- **Lori Ortiz 35 Years of Service**

### Curriculum/PD/Assessment:

- The KNEPC is recommending the following budget priorities for Title VI: 100% of the Cultural Coordinator, 50% of each of the Native PreK teacher programs (certified positions only), and the remainder in supplies. The total amount of the grant has not been disclosed yet, but it is estimated to be around \$259,000.
- Todd White was here the week of April 25th. He helped finalize the Evaluation Pilot for this school year. The committee decided to have another pilot year next year and instead of having teachers opt in, it will be opt out, so that we can get as much feedback on the tool and process as possible. We have also started looking at who might digitize the tool for next year.
- We have started looking into what professional development will look like this fall: Envision, Karen Karp, and coming back around to PD that only happened virtually during COVID, such as Collaborative Classrooms.

### Business Manager

#### Local Borough Appropriation

On Monday we presented the District's local discretionary contribution request to the Borough Assembly of an additional \$1,111,657 over last years' discretionary request in order to address the District's health insurance deficit. At that meeting the Borough Assembly directed Borough staff to present an ordinance that would fund the District's request at the maximum amount possible without accessing the \$2 million reserve in the Local Education Fund and requiring a super majority vote of the Assembly. This direction decreases the discretionary contribution to \$755,883 from the District's request. Should this action be approved by the



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Borough Assembly, the Board will need to review and approve a revised FY23 budget to account for the decrease in funding.