



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Educator,

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in partnership with Kenai Peninsula College, and The Achievement and Assessment Institute of the University of Kansas (AAI) invite you to participate in an important, unique, and rigorous professional development opportunity.

To date, we have trained over 50 KPBSD teachers in creation of high quality, standards-referenced common assessments. This experience will not only benefit you professionally, but will also support ongoing assessment work in your school, KPBSD and Alaska. You will be trained by and have support from the literacy experts from AAI in the development and design of performance assessments.

Successful participation will earn you 3 graduate level credits, free of charge, and the opportunity to collaboratively create assessment items that measure content literacy and skills. The assessment items we create will then be tested for validity and reliability by the experts at AAI. Most importantly, the assessment items will be available for teachers to use throughout the district and our process for creating items will be a resource shared with other districts throughout Alaska.

Training dates have been scheduled for the following days and your firm commitment to the training dates is essential to the success of this project.

- Tuesday & Wednesday – October 13 **and** 14 @ Kenai Catering Banquet Room, Willow St. Kenai, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. **OR**
- Saturday, Sept. 26 **and** Saturday, October 3 (Location and Time TBA – Central Pen.) *Saturday participants will receive \$150.00 emolument for each day.*
- 1 January date, 2015 (1 day) (Date and Time TBA)
- 1 spring virtual meeting – (Date and Time TBA)

Participants are encouraged to work in teams or content alike groups.

Your dedication and commitment to this very important work is essential. Please contact me directly if you have questions or need additional information. I will need to confirm your participation to Mr. O'Brien and Dr. Ermold by **September 11th by 5:00 p.m.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Linton".

Melissa Linton