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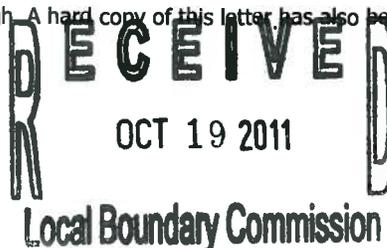
Dear Members of the LBC,

Attached please find a letter regarding the proposed Petersburg Borough. A hard copy of this letter has also been sent to 550 West Seventh Ave., Suite 1770, Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Sincerely,

Robert Thomason

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October 18, 2011

Local Boundary Commission,
550 West Seventh Ave., Suite 1770
Anchorage, AK 99501-3510

Re: Borough Formation and Petersburg City Schools

Dear Members of the Local Boundary Commission,

As a resident of the City of Petersburg and as the Superintendent of Petersburg City Schools, I am writing in support of borough formation for the Petersburg area currently under consideration.

A review of the Standards for Incorporation of Boroughs (Article 2 of 3 AAC 110.045) leads me to the logical conclusion that the boundary area under consideration meets the criteria for affirmative consideration.

Specifically, as related to section (a) "Social, cultural, and economic characteristics and activities of the people in a proposed borough must be interrelated and integrated," Petersburg City School District presently provides free and full access to all educational services to students living both inside and outside of the boundaries of the City of Petersburg. Individuals living outside the City of Petersburg, at this time, carry no part of the burden for payment of the City's required minimum contribution for education.

Unfettered inclusion, with no additional attendance fee, of students currently living in the area of the proposed borough clearly meets items 1 - 3 under subsection (a):

- (1) compatibility of urban and rural areas within the proposed borough;
- (2) compatibility of economic lifestyles, and industrial or commercial activities;
- (3) existence throughout the proposed borough of customary and simple transportation and communication patterns

Item (4), "extent and accommodation of spoken language differences throughout the proposed borough" does not apply in this instance as, to my knowledge, English is the only language spoken in the area of the proposed borough.

Thank you for your consideration and for the time you are devoting to this important governmental organization task.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Thomason
Superintendent

Encl: Article 2 of 3 AAC 110.045

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Article 2 Standards for Incorporation of Boroughs

Section

- 45. Community of interests.
- 50. Population.
- 55. Resources.
- 60. Boundaries.
- 65. Best interests of state.

3 AAC 110.045. Community of interests

- (a) The social, cultural, and economic characteristics and activities of the people in a proposed borough must be interrelated and integrated. In this regard, the commission may consider relevant factors, including the
 - (1) compatibility of urban and rural areas within the proposed borough;
 - (2) compatibility of economic lifestyles, and industrial or commercial activities;
 - (3) existence throughout the proposed borough of customary and simple transportation and communication patterns; and
 - (4) extent and accommodation of spoken language differences throughout the proposed borough.
- (b) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that a sufficient level of interrelationship cannot exist unless there are at least two communities in the proposed borough.
- (c) The communications media and the land, water, and air transportation facilities throughout the proposed borough must allow for the level of communications and exchange necessary to develop an integrated borough government. In this regard, the commission may consider relevant factors, including
 - (1) transportation schedules and costs;
 - (2) geographical and climatic impediments;
 - (3) telephonic and teleconferencing facilities; and
 - (4) electronic media for use by the public.
- (d) Absent a specific and persuasive showing to the contrary, the commission will presume that communications and exchange patterns are insufficient unless all communities within a proposed borough are connected to the seat of the proposed borough by a public roadway, regular scheduled airline flights on at least a weekly basis, regular ferry service on at least a weekly basis, a charter flight service based in the proposed borough, or sufficient electronic media communications.