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**OVERVIEW:
STUDENT
ADVISORY
PROGRAM**

Louie Flora

Subject: FW: student/teacher advisory programs

From: Louie Flora
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 10:29 AM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton;
Subject: student/teacher advisory programs in KPBSD

Hi,

I left a phone message with this information this morning. Spoke to the School District and they provided the following regarding your question to Steve Atwater:

Schools in Kenai Peninsula Borough School District with advisory programs:

Homer High School
Skyview High School
Soldotna High School
Kenai Central High School
Nikiski High School
Seward High School

Three of these schools have adopted a student driven advisory program where students meet with a faculty member a few times per week and the students discuss their interests with the teacher, both in school and career related and work on goals pertinent to the student's interests. Students are surveyed at the beginning of the year to determine their interests

Student Driven Advisory schools:

Homer High School
Skyview High School
Nikiski High School

Three of the schools have adopted a more formal curriculum driven program where a student and teacher get together for 15 minutes per day and do various activities focusing on postsecondary planning, and meeting high school curriculum goals.

Curriculum Driven Advisory schools:

Soldotna High School
Kenai Central High School
Seward High School

For the smaller schools in the district the thought is that the teachers are able to have relationships and do outreach with individual students more easily, and do not need the advisory program setting.

In some of the advisory program schools the faculty generates a list of all students to determine which are known and which are not known by teachers. Then a second list of students that are not well known by any of the teachers is formed and individual faculty members will do outreach with these individual students. This is known as the "Adopt a Star" program and the teachers hold themselves accountable for the success of the "adopted" not well known student.

These Advisory programs have been in place for the past five years. Before the implementation of the program KPBSD was sitting at about 65% graduation rate and has increased its graduation rate since then to about 73%.

This year KPBSD will be engaged in a focus group on why kids drop out and attempting to get some profiles of drop-outs by interviewing the former students.

-Louie

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Subject: FW: EHS-student/teacher advisory program

From: Henry_Mike [mailto:Henry_Mike@asdk12.org]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2010 11:26 AM
To: Louie Flora
Cc: Graff_Ed; Olson_Robin; Comeau_Carol; McNaughton_Kelly
Subject: EHS-student/teacher advisory program

Louie,
Sorry this is a little late.
Mike Henry

This is the 5th year of the Advisory program at East. The mission is to personalize education by fostering a one-to-one relationship between every student and advisor. It is our feeling that the advisory program helps to build community and encourage a sense of belonging and respect as well as promote academic growth and success. Our students meet for a minimum of 30 minutes weekly with their advisor to discuss academics as well as social issues and planning for their educational future. Advisory classes are kept at approximately 15 students to allow for more individual contact with the advisor. The Advisory program is an integral part of the community and culture at East High School.

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Subject: FW: House Education Committee meeting reminder - Wednesday, January 20th 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

From: PJ Ford Slack [mailto:pjford@dgsd.k12.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 2:40 PM

To: Louie Flora

Subject: RE: House Education Committee meeting reminder - Wednesday, January 20th 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Dear Mr. Flora,

I am part of Cynthia Curran's Graduation rate group as well as the Virtual School Group. Just a friendly reminder that all advisory programs are not created equal, as the students on the committee pointed out to us. Kodiak High School seemed to have one of the best working models as well as Mrs. Huggins school in the Mat-Su.

Thank you for this update. PJ Superintendent of Delta/Greely School District