

Dear Speech-Language Pathologist;

Congratulations on your graduation! After so many years of hard work, your dedication is about to pay off. *With today's economy, finding a position with reasonable work demands and commensurate pay can be difficult.* The **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District** is looking to add to a team of 18 dynamic and supportive speech pathologists. Here are a few things to know when considering our district:

Financial Considerations

- Pay scale: **\$48020/yr** if you have 54 masters degree credits (\$46,497 if you don't)
- Excellent Benefits
- \$2K** relocation reimbursement
- \$2K** annual bonus for CCC's
- Private speech pathologist's fee in our area: **\$75-80/hr** (potential for after-hours and summer work)
- Permanent Fund provided by State of Alaska to all Alaska residents (established 1 yr residency Jan. – Dec.)
(2009's check will be **\$1,305**, amount varies yearly due to stock market fluctuations and other factors)

Professional Considerations

- Low Caseloads**
- CFY supervision
- Limited or no travel
- State and school district fiscal stability
 - State of Alaska Permanent Fund, \$30 billion+ savings
 - \$3k** annual salary increase for all KPBSD teachers this year
- Professional Development
 - In-District training 09-10: Autism, Tech (SmartBoards/Google Apps/Blog design), and PECS
 - District speech pathology meetings/training held several times each school year
 - \$1800** professional development grant can be applied for every 3 years for tenured staff
 - *\$400/monthly stipend for graduate students completing school practicum hours**

Lifestyle Considerations

- Familiar stores in Twin Cities area: Fred Meyer's, Safeway, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Radio Shack, Blockbuster, Burger King, McDonald's, Arby's, Wells Fargo
- 2 ½ hr drive or 25-minute commuter flight to major international airport
- Access to world class camping, kayaking, wildlife viewing, boating, hunting, hiking and salmon/halibut fishing right outside your front door! (Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Alaskan Maritime Refuge, Kenai Fjords National Park, Chugach National Forest, and Kachemak Bay State Park/Wilderness)
- "Low" Cost of Living Index, 83.1/100 national average (city-data.com)
- Services typical of continental U.S towns (hospitals, libraries, colleges, airports, etc).

The Kenai Peninsula is a great place to come if you are ready for an adventure and a great professional environment! The Kenai Peninsula has become known as "Alaska's Playground." People from all over Alaska (and the world) have made the peninsula their primary vacation destination and getaway.

If you would like more information or if you have any questions, please contact Clayton Holland at (907)714-8881 or cholland@kpbsd.k12.ak.us.