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## AASB School Climate and Connectedness Survey

Dear Fireweed Academy Parent or Guardian:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is partnering with the Association of Alaska School Boards to conduct a survey of our students and staff that measures school climate and student connectedness.

This survey will be administered to students in 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades at Fireweed Academy and to certified and support staff during the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The survey measures student and staff perceptions of school climate, how peers treat each other, observations of student behavior at school, and connections between school and the community. Positive school climate and student connectedness are associated with improved academic achievement and reduced risk behaviors.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous, confidential, and does not ask questions about students' families. The survey and a brochure describing its purpose and benefits to the district are available on our webpage, <http://fireweedacademy.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/> if you wish to review them. If you do not want your child to take the survey, please notify the school office in writing.

Results of this survey will help students, parents, staff, and the community to better understand the interactions and relationships among students, teachers, and staff that constitute each school's social and academic climate, and to identify areas we can improve to make our schools more supportive, caring, and productive places for all students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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