Dear Soldotna Prep families,

How would your child answer this question, “***Where do you want your learning to take you and how can KPBSD help you get there?”***

Personalized Learning in KPBSD empowers every student to reach their lifelong learning potential.  
  
We want to directly connect your child to rigorous learning that is relevant and an excellent preparation for life, college, and the careers they will encounter after high school. The deliberate integration of personalized learning (PL) into every classroom in the school district over the next three years will accomplish this KPBSD goal. Soldotna Prep School along with Soldotna High School have been placed in Wave 3 for implementing Personalized Learning and will begin formal PL work in April of 2018 while doing some initial practice in the areas of targeted instruction and student reflection beginning this fall.

**Personalized Learning in KPBSD**  
Personalized learning shifts from a one-size-fits-all factory model of education to better prepare students for the jobs and needs of *their* future. The design of instruction and the classroom allow educators to respond to the individual needs of students—instead of expecting students to fit the current mold or adapt to unsuccessful learning structures. PL does not replace teachers with computers. Many of our teachers implement elements of PL in their classrooms right now, and we will now build on this foundation to create an even better learning environment. Key elements your child will experience include:

* **Teachers integrate digital content,** which allows for a differentiated path and pace based on individual student needs
* **Teachers use targeted instruction** based on specific student needs and learning goals
* **Teachers use current and relevant data** to help inform instructional decisions and groupings
* **Students engage in ongoing self-reflection** that promotes ownership of their learning

Are you curious, or do you have a question? Please visit the [KPBSD Personalized Learning Blog](http://pl.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/), and check out the [FAQs](http://pl.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/questions/). There’s also a link on the KPBSD homepage: [www.kpbsd.org](http://www.kpbsd.org) or you can access the link below.

[Learn more about PL](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=37724)

I recognize that you may have questions concerning personalized learning and what this will entail for your student(s). Please contact me directly with your questions. I look forward to a great school year at Soldotna Prep School and our work together!

Sincerely,

Curt Schmidt

Principal