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Lake & Peninsula School District
School Board
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Dear Kasie Luke and Members of the Board,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as Principal of Chignik Lake, Perryville, and Chignik Lagoon, for the upcoming school year 2026-2027. I am submitting my resignation early to allow the district ample time to recruit and secure qualified leadership and staff, recognizing the unique nature of our communities and the challenges that accompany staffing in such remote and special places.

Serving the students, families, and communities of Chignik Lake, Perryville, and Chignik Lagoon has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life. These communities have welcomed me with warmth, resilience, and generosity, and I will always carry a deep love and respect for the people who call them home. It has been a privilege to work alongside such remarkable students whose strength, culture, and determination continually inspire me.

I am profoundly grateful to the teachers, staff, and support personnel who dedicate themselves every day to ensuring students are cared for, challenged, and supported. Their commitment, flexibility, and heart for students are extraordinary, and I have learned so much from serving beside them. I also wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Lake and Peninsula School District for the opportunity to serve, for the trust placed in me, and for the continued support.

This decision was not made lightly. It comes from a place of respect for the communities and the district, and from a desire to ensure continuity and stability for students and staff by providing early notice. I remain deeply invested in the success of these schools and will do everything possible to support a smooth transition.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as principal.

With sincere appreciation,

Melody Grace Schilke


Principal: Chignik Lake, Perryville, and Chignik Lagoon