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To: Board of Education
Lake and Peninsula School District

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Re: Special Education Report

Special Education Professional Development

Our special education teachers attended the Alaska State Special Education Conference on February 6, 7, and 8. The theme this year was People, Purpose, and Passion, The Pathway to Success. It was wonderful to have all our special education teachers in attendance and to network with special educators from across the state. The conference was well organized and included a variety of sessions on important topics in special education. Our teachers had the opportunity to attend the sessions that were most relevant to their situations and needs. I also had the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss challenges and successes in their practice. Thanks to the District for supporting this opportunity for our special education teachers.

State Monitoring

LPSPD has received the notice of completion for the Special Education Compliance Monitoring for FY2023. This monitoring takes place every four years. LPSPD had very few findings that required corrective actions. To demonstrate completion of the corrective actions, the district submitted specific documentation as requested by the State. This documentation included: IEPs, ESERs, consent forms, written notices, training materials, and other related information. The evidence submitted satisfied the requirements of the State. It was a positive growth experience for me and for our special education team.

Special Education Directors' Training

I will be attending the Special Education Directors' training March 18 and 19 in Anchorage. These two days are spent honing skills and keeping abreast of current trends, challenges, and legislation in the special education world. Training topic highlights include: Reading Instruction and Dyslexia, Secondary Transition Plans, The Effects of the READS ACT on Special Education, The Supplemental Workbook, and an Overview of the Special Education Handbook. I look forward to the time spent with other Directors across the state.

It's hard to believe that we are already in the middle of March! Our special education teachers are busy finishing up ESERs and IEPs and working to make sure the instruction for our special education students is meeting their needs and that students are progressing toward their goals. They will be involved with the district-wide testing in April and ensuring that students receive the appropriate accommodations in the testing situation. In the next few weeks I will be supporting the teachers in their endeavors as well as working on the Special Education Assurances, the Disproportionality Report, the Supplemental Workbook, and the Summer Oasis, along with other end-of-year requirements and activities.