

THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Date: September 9, 2026

To: LPSD School Board Members

From: Nate Davis- Director of Personnel

Re: September Personnel Report

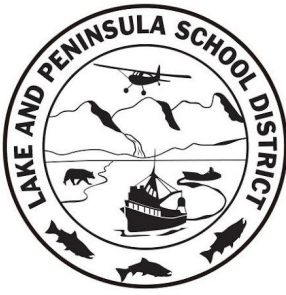
Certified Staffing

- As of August 1, all Certified Teaching positions were filled to start the 2026-27 school year. Please welcome:

- Shakim Blackwell, Principal Perryville, Chignik Lake and Chignik Lagoon
- Chase Kirkwood, Perryville Secondary
- Olivia Rawls, Perryville Elementary (with husband, Josef, Temp. Maint.)
- Kathy Freeman, Chignik Lagoon Special Education
- Jana Ewing, Chignik Lake Elementary
- Isabela Bodily, Chignik Lake Elementary
- Callie Gates, Meshik Elementary
- Heidi Chamberlain, Igiugig Elementary
- John MacNeish, Kokhanok Secondary
- Michael Prinz, Districtwide Technology Specialist, Port Alsworth
- Erik Schneider, Newhalen Elementary
- Megyn Reedy, Newhalen Secondary
- Kristen Ferrante, Nondalton Special Education/Elementary
- Glen "Sasha" Alsworth, Tanalian Secondary

- By late August, Igiugig was predicting 22 students plus pre-school, up from finishing last year at eight students, so we posted for another full time teacher at Igiugig and have been actively pursuing several leads.
- Ms. Moon McCarley and I had the pleasure of hosting New Teacher Induction for 12 new teachers and 8 student-teachers for about three days in Anchorage. Here several LPSD key employees gave presentations. Then we spent about three more days at Port Alsworth for software, educational, outdoor, and Alaska training. Training was productive and we all enjoyed the new camaraderie that always comes when joining Team LPSD.
- Ms. Moon McCarley then continued to lead us all in our August Inservice- professional development for all new and returning teachers.
- Some teachers are still in-progress with their new or renewal certifications. DEED Teacher Certification is 5-7 weeks behind at this time.

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- Extra-Duty Contracts have been issued for Student Government, Cross-Country Running, and Volleyball.

Classified Staffing

- Principals have posted, interviewed, and offered jobs to fill most of our school support classified positions for 2026-27.
- We want to give a big shout-out to Laura Hylton and her team for the newest edition of our Classified Employee Handbook FY 27- FY 30 which can be found at lpsd.com/employment.
- Meshik continues to have all but one classified position open, so teachers are filling in where most needed and other positions remain unfilled. Meshik had to close their school lunch program until a Cook could be hired. We have posted all positions at Meshik, around the district, and even on the road system- to see if anyone is willing to move to Port Heiden to help support students and the learning process. LPSD appreciates the partnership with the Village and has heard that the Village is willing to pay village residents extra from Village funds, if they land a job at school at the district rate of pay.

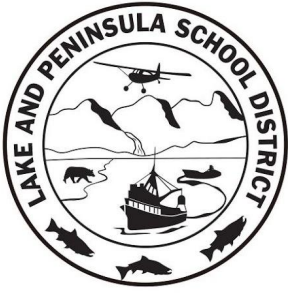
Student Teachers and University Partnerships

LPSD welcomes these student-teachers and to all of their LPSD host teachers:

- Joe Aquino- SUNY, Newhalen Elementary
- Mitchell Ellsworth, SUNY, Newhalen Elementary
- Emma Cypher, SUNY, Chignik Lagoon Elementary
- Jasmine Tiedeman, Kutztown, Tanalian Elementary
- Ali Reed, Kutztown, Tanalian Elementary
- Ben Einarsson, Kokhanok Secondary
- Jordan Branca, Chignik Lake, Secondary
- Seth Wilsoncroft, Meshik, Secondary

A big thank you to all of our LPSD host teachers who are taking the time to train up these student teachers as the next generation of educators. They also often introduce the student teachers to the community and to Alaska- where we hope they will spend at least part of their teaching career and pass on the good news to other teachers.

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Recruitment:

We currently have the following positions posted to the Alaska Educator Recruitment and Retention (AERRC) website:

- Igiugig Elementary

Contract Adjustments:

FY 27 contracts, contract adjustments, and salary schedule movement are outlined on the Personnel Approval List

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