AIR TAXI COMMITTEE REPORT

Prepared for: LPSD School Board
Board Meeting Date: Thursday, November 19, 2026
Committee Meeting Date: November 6, 2026
Members Present: Mr. Harry Ricci (School Board Member), Mrs. Sam Jones (Parent, Chignik Lagoon), Ms. Kasie Luke (Superintendent)

Summary: The Air Taxi Committee convened on November 6, 2026, to review charter service agreements, internal travel and bidding procedures, aviation safety follow-ups, and regional air carrier approvals. Key outcomes include advancing approval letters for additional regional carriers to expand student travel capacity and streamlining administrative booking processes.

Key Discussion Items & Updates

1. Air Carrier Approvals & Regional Student Travel

- **Carrier Review:** The committee reviewed new air taxi approvals for Island Air, Bush Air, and Grant Aviation.

- **Grant Aviation Status:** Charter service with Grant Aviation has been established.

- **Expanded Regional Capacity:** Clarified existing practices allowing approved carriers to transport students for regional programs such as the Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education (BBRCTE) program. Direct flight purchasing through the Lake and Peninsula School District (LPSD) will also streamline bookkeeping.

- **Action Taken:** The committee moved forward with issuing formal letters of approval to Island Air and Bush Air to expand regional student transportation opportunities.

2. Bid Process & Itinerant Travel Logistics

- **Bid Form Updates:** Reviewed updates to the bid request form, including standardized disclosure protocols through the Superintendent when last-minute or necessary adjustments to the bidding process occur.

3. Aviation Safety & Incident Follow-Up

- **Safety Standards:** Reviewed recent incident records and district correspondence with Lake Clark Air (LCA). The committee reaffirmed that proper aircraft seat installation is critical and emphasized strict adherence to safety protocols.

- **Resolution & Communication:** The Superintendent communicated directly with the carrier's Chief Pilot, receiving assurance that the issue was an isolated incident and that rigorous safety checks are in place moving forward. Feedback and resolution details were relayed to the affected student and parent through the site Principal.

- **Next Steps:** Committee member Kasie will conduct a follow-up call with Lake Clark Air to confirm ongoing compliance.

Summary of Action Items

- Issue formal approval letters to Island Air and Bush Air.
- Finalize and file supporting documentation for Grant Aviation charter services.
- Complete follow-up safety verification call with Lake Clark Air.
- Implement updated bid request form disclosure.