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To: Board of Education
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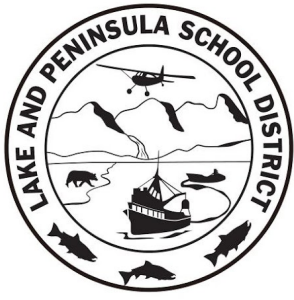
Re: Special Education Report

Special Education Professional Development

Moon McCarley provided the special education teachers a presentation regarding the upcoming state-wide assessments, AK Star and the Alaska Science Assessment. Her focus was on the special education teacher's role in planning and administering the assessments as well as a general overview of how special education accommodations are administered. Each student's IEP includes a section that lists any accommodations a student requires when taking the state assessments. Accommodations are practices and procedures that provide equitable access during instruction and assessments to students with disabilities and English learners. The accommodations that are allowed are outlined in the "Participation Guidelines for Inclusion of Alaska Students in State Assessments", and include such things as additional time, clarification of test directions, flexible scheduling, frequent breaks, small group administration, and Text-to-Speech to name a few of the most common ones. Kudos to Moon for providing this important training to our special education teachers.

Special Education Directors' Training

I will be attending the Special Education Directors' training March 15 and 16. These two days are spent honing skills and keeping abreast of current trends, challenges, and legislation in the special education world. Sessions include: Functions of the Special Education Service Agency, Writing IEPs for District Correspondence School Students, New Early Childhood Transition Requirements, New IEP Systems Review, and the list goes on! I look forward to the time spent with other Directors across the state and the instruction of our State Special Education Team.



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Related Services

I am happy to report that our related service providers who contracted with LPSD this school year have all agreed to work with us again next year. Presence will provide speech and occupational therapy services, Vincent Henry will continue as our school psychologist, Mary Olson will again provide physical therapy services. I am happy for the continuation of services and the quality of the services these talented professionals provide.

Spring Activities

It's hard to believe that we are already in March! Our special education teachers are busy finishing up student evaluations, 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 are also determining which of their students require extended school year services (ESY) and planning instruction for the goals and objectives that will be reinforced during the summer. During the next several weeks, I will be supporting the teachers in their endeavors and working on the projects that need doing every spring such as the Special Education Assurances, the Disproportionality Report, the Supplemental Workbook, and the Summer Oasis, along with other end-of-year requirements and activities. I will also complete another round of the destruction of student records for students who have not attended our district in the last 5 years. Per State Special Education Handbook instructions, a letter will go out to former students at the age of majority, and parents, inviting them to request copies of records before they are destroyed. Thanks to our registrar, Cassie, for her help in finding addresses needed to complete this project.

Thanks, again, to the Board for their support and leadership.