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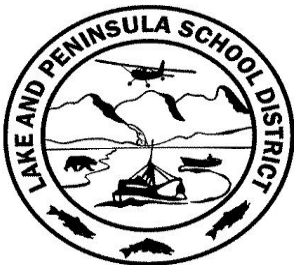
From: Marjorie Waggoner
Special Education Director (Contractor)

Re: Special Education Report

Special Education Staffing:

Staffing for special education teachers this year was simplified by the fact that we only have one teacher moving on to new adventures next year. Samantha Carey, Nondalton and Igiugig, will be leaving the district. We thank Samantha for her fine service and wish her the best in her new endeavors. Jeff Hagan will be our new special education teacher for Nondalton and Igiugig. Jeff is a former employee of Lake and Peninsula School District and we welcome him back.

In the related service areas, Speech and Occupational Therapy will continue to be provided by Presence Learning, a tele-therapy company. We have been pleased with the progress our students have made working with these specialists. Mary Olson joined our team in December, 2018 as our provider for physical therapy services. She will continue with us next school year. Elizabeth Hansen will return to the district as the school psychologist for the north schools. Elizabeth was our school psychologist for several years and we are happy to have her return to help us with part of the district. Larry Michael, who has been our school psychologist this year, will not be returning next year due to family obligations. He has done a superb job for us this year and we will miss his humor and his finesse. He may agree to continue serving the south schools.



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Special Education Professional Development and In-service:

Our special education teachers attended the Alaska State Special Education Conference in Anchorage February 25 – 27, 2019. This is always a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to network with special education teachers across the state and partake of instruction from experts in the field from across the country. Our teachers always return to their classrooms with new ideas and fresh perspectives to better serve their students.

Monitoring of the LPSD Special Education Program

We have nearly completed the corrective action required as a result of our monitoring by the State Special Education Department. This included re-do of four Evaluation Planning and Eligibility Meetings and two Individual Education Program meetings along with targeted training on the Student File Standards that were found deficient. Training was held January 22 and February 5 using Google Hangout. All of our special education teachers participated in this training that was targeted to the standards needing improvement. The corrective action verification is due to the Department on April 29, 2019. This process has been a good opportunity for learning and professional growth for our teachers.