



Date: October 3, 2022
To: Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report, October 6, 2022

Front Burner Dates & Topics

- ASAA XC State: October 8, 2022
- Student Count Period: October 3 - 28, 2022
- Volleyball Jamboree in Levelock: October 16-18
- AFN Youth & Elders Conference in Anchorage: October 16-18
- Alyeska In service (with BBBSD): October 18-22, 2022
- LPSD School Board Staff Meet and Greet & LPSD Goals & Vision Planning: October 20, 2022
- CTE Session 2: October 23-28, 2022
- AASG in Wassilla: October 24-26, 2022

Site Visits

Mr. Bill Cornell, Director of Personnel, and I visited Chignik Bay and Pilot Point Schools and communities to learn about student enrollment and the community's concerns early in the school year. Chignik Bay school seems to have adopted the idea that their school will not make the count and wanted insight on what next. We took down their questions and are working to find answers. Pilot Point School seemed hopeful to pull in more students without concrete plans. They inquired about the next steps if the school closes. Mr. Stephen Fink has visited Chignik Bay School and is on his way to Pilot Point this week to help communicate with parents on potential school closures. Today, Chignik Bay School has six enrolled students, and Pilot Point has 9. LPSD schools must have ten students enrolled and consistent attendance during the State count period, October 3 through 28, 2022.

COVID Update

Thankfully, all LPSD communities with active schools are open for in-person learning to kick off the school year and will mitigate COVID as necessary with the guidance of our COVID Committee and local entities. LPSD general guidelines are as follows:

- Keep Healthy Children & Staff in School
- Follow the Guidelines Established by the Center for Disease Control
- When possible and practical, seek input from Community Stakeholders
- Allow Parents the freedom to make choices they feel best for their family

Culture & Climate and the Distance Between

I've invited our Business office Teams from Palmer and King Salmon to attend Alyeska Inservice on October 20 to gain face-to-face time with everyone. Remote employees will continue to meet monthly via Zoom for my "Mug Up" connection, where we learn about what's happening and know each other's workspace and headspace. I'm hopeful that although we have LPSD employees across Alaska and the United States, we can work to keep the culture better together and for students at the forefront of why we do the work we do.

Funding & Programs/Projects

We are working towards meeting Capital Improvement Program compliance **by September 2023**. In years prior, we have chosen to be non-compliant because the expense of gaining compliance is more significant than the potential of having Capital Improvement projects being accepted and funded. Using our Safety and Compliance Officer, we have identified feasible ways to gain compliance and are leaning into communication with the State Department of Education and the Maintenance team. With the potential closure of Chignik Bay and Pilot Point Schools, we are working with the city and village entities and conversations with Borough Manager Nathan Hill to brainstorm ideas for supporting communities in this potential transition and closure of buildings and resources.

School Climate & Connectedness Survey

We received the results from our School Climate and Connectedness Survey from 2022, but there weren't enough participants per school to receive individual school responses; we obtained District-wide insights. The last time we took the SCCS was in 2020. You can look at our 2022 public report by going to: https://secure.panoramaed.com/aasb/understand?auth_token=lakeandpeninsula

A couple of components to this report that stood out to me District-wide:

- 32 LPSD students in grades 3-5 responded. Of those 32 students, 81% stated they felt other students would like their school.
- 81% of students in grades 3-5 also said they felt safe at school
- We increased our family involvement in the survey by 21 people this year compared to 2020

We have the most room for improvement in getting grade 6-12 students to take the survey.

We have an opportunity to sign up for the SCCS again this winter. If the board would like us to do so, I will make sure to be more timely and thoughtful about the approach and communicate the intention of the survey with fidelity.