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To: Board of Education
Lake and Peninsula School District

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From: Marjorie Waggoner
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Re: Special Education Report

Special Education Professional Development

All but one of our special education teachers attended the Alaska State Special Education Conference in Anchorage February 25-27. The theme this year was "It Takes a Team to Make a Difference". We met as an LPSD team during the conference to collaborate with each other and to discuss solutions to needs and challenges in our schools. In addition, I met with sped teachers individually to provide support and guidance as needed. The conference was a great opportunity to work together as a team and to network with other special educators throughout the state. I thank the district for supporting this wonderful opportunity for our special education teachers.

Indicators 8 and 14

LPSD registrar and I completed compiling the data for Indicators 8 and 14. The data was provided to the state to enable the department to conduct surveys to determine the post-school outcomes of special education students, and parent involvement with special education students.

Special Education Assurances

School districts are required every year to verify that certain assurances are being fulfilled in special education. There are 50 assurances that all school districts agree to complete during the grant application process. The department verifies these assurances on a rotational basis to reduce burden on the school district. As I reported in the last report:

This year the following assurances are requested for verification:

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• Nondalton • Pedro Bay • Perryville • Pilot Point • Port Alsworth • Port Heiden*

- **12)** The district will maintain documentation that a continuum of placements is available and used in recommending placement. 34 CFR 300.115
- **13)** The district will maintain documentation that a continuum of alternative placements is available to students with disabilities at each school site or there is a plan to provide alternative placement if necessary. 34 CFR 300.115
- **14)** The district will maintain written affirmation(s) with private school representatives regarding child find and special education services for parentally placed private school children with disabilities. 34 CFR 300.134, 300.135
- **15)** The district will maintain documentation that services are being provided to eligible students in private schools, correspondence schools, and charter schools. 34 CFR 300.118
- **16)** The district will maintain documentation that shows ESY services are provided beyond the regular school year at no cost to parents. 34 CFR 300.106

- **50)** The district has submitted documentation that substantiates compliance with the excess cost requirements under 34 CFR 300.202. 34 CFR 300.202, 34 CFR 300.16, 34 CFR 300 (required annually)

The explanation of how our district competes assurances each year along with at least one example document that shows compliance is due to the state on May 1st. I am working with the special education teachers, the Director of Finance. and the Registrar to report to the state LPSD's documentation of compliance with these assurances.

Special Education Staffing

It looks like we are staffed for the 2020/21 school year with a competent and energetic staff of special education teachers. My thanks to Kasie and our team of principals for finding quality special educators to serve our district.

Special Education Directors' Training

I will be attending the Special Education Directors' training March. 21 and 22 in Anchorage. These two days are spent honing skills and keeping abreast of current trends and legislation in the special education world.

As always, I am enjoying my work with Lake and Peninsula School District. I feel privileged to work with a group of top-notch educators and look forward to our Spring months!

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