



## THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Lake and Peninsula School Board  
From: Tim McDermott

### **Re: Maintenance Report**

Hopefully everyone had a good, healthy break over Christmas and the New Year, back rejuvenated and ready for the challenges of the second half of the school year. The brutal weather of the December and January months had Maintenance hopping with unplanned response. During the month of December itinerant maintenance was at Newhalen on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nondalton on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Port Alsworth on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> for routine site checks. On Dec 10<sup>th</sup> we received indication that there was no heat in the wrestling room at Newhalen.

Maintenance was dispatched from King Salmon to find a frozen, broken heat loop due to a failed zone valve over the weekend of minus temperatures. Concurrently and unexpectedly, a failed circulation pump at the Nondalton teacher housing was replaced with one from stock at King Salmon and several weather related preventive housing issues there were addressed. On December 22<sup>nd</sup> Maintenance was chartered to Nondalton over fuel issues in the school boiler room and domestic water problems on the city side. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, Maintenance was again dispatched in the late afternoon at extreme minus temperatures to Nondalton with gelled fuel issues that turned into 17 straight days of attention to the Nondalton heating and domestic water systems at both the school and housing at minus temperatures and north winds just to keep the buildings running and avoiding freeze up. In response to a frozen water supply line from the city water system, the Nontalton school well controls were rebuilt and the school well put online under a boil

only notice until the water can be properly tested. Simultaneously, a burst waterline in the boiler room at Port Alsworth had to be addressed with an opportune round trip charter from Nondalton to Port Alsworth and back the same day that allowed the mechanic to repair the line, restore the heat at Port Alsworth and return to Nondalton before dark to keep it operating in the absence of anyone else at -30 below. At the same time, challenges with the village water supply in Chignik Lake resulted in a similar circumstance requiring Maintenance to reactivate the school well under boil only conditions until that situation can be corrected. New well controls and pressure tanks have been supplied for upgrade there also to insure safety and reliability. On Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at the Levelock facility, an exit door gone unattended resulted in a frozen and broken sprinkler pipe. Quick notification and response from local temporary maintenance allowed for minimal damage and recovery. Heat lines in the unattended housing were also frozen and compromised calling for a response from District maintenance that included phone support and communications for damage control, then a day trip for the maintenance mechanic from King Salmon to effect the necessary repair and recovery. Things worked out. These 100% reactive efforts, while commendable short term, are not sustainable and serve to illustrate the consequences of deferred maintenance and lack of investment in local determination. Itinerant maintenance finished out the month of January 2026 with site visits at Port Heiden, Jan. 14-18, Chignik Lagoon, Jan. 19-21, and Igiugig on Jan. 27 and 28.

The Safety and Compliance work log for the month is as follows:

Communications with Tim

Communications with Borough Manager

Communications with Cole at ARPA

Energy data logging

Facility self inspections

Ordering of materials

Safe Schools training rollout for custodial/maintenance

DEED PM subcommittee meeting

Creation of videos for State PM program

Continuation of searching for AED funding

Transition to Operations Hero from Manager Plus

Archiving of past work orders

AHERA Building inspector recertification

AHERA Management Planner recertification

Personal Leave

A basic application of facilities management yields the most visible realized payback all the way down into the classroom. Investment. This is more critical today than ever and directly relates to these issues at hand. We continue to look for solutions to the challenges of facilities management in the current and changing environment. To date there has been no direction in this effort other than acknowledgement of the need. The budget does not support the demand and reduces the effort to reactionary. This circumstance is current and remains unchanged. This Department encourages and anticipates a dedicated Borough Strategic Planning session with all of the stakeholder partners, the School District, the Village and Tribal entities, the Cities of, the Borough itself, concerning the disposition and future of the LPSD Borough assets in regard to school buildings, school housing, and their administration.

Maintenance needs are best communicated by sending an email to [maintenance@lpsd.com](mailto:maintenance@lpsd.com) with a description of the problem or request, information such as make/model numbers, and pictures if possible. Maintenance is accessible at [maintenance@lpsd.com](mailto:maintenance@lpsd.com), by office phone, 907-268-6401 ext. 228, or by cell phone contact, **907-469-0460 (Tim) 907-4690473 (Carl)**. Thank you for your patience, communication, and support as the Maintenance Department strives to provide safe, healthy facilities for our staff, students, and communities during the remainder of this school term.