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**To:** LPSD School Board Members

**From:** Kate Cornell and Nicole Metzgar

**Re:** October Curriculum Report

## **Professional Development**

Late Start Monday: We held our first Late Start Monday on October 4 and had Moon McCarley share a presentation about Intervention Resources and how to go about making sure students are identified as needing interventions, and what is in place to make sure interventions are happening on site. It was a very informative session and we are so thankful for Moon's continued guidance and support for our teachers regarding Data Informed Instruction.

November Inservice: Planning is in full swing for our first hybrid inservice! We will have around 45 people attending in person at Alyeska, and another 10-15 participating from their home sites. Folks will travel out to Alyeska on November 2, with inservice taking place November 3-5, and traveling home to sites on November 6. November 8 will also be an inservice day for teachers to put into place the strategies and practices they learned during the inservice time. We are excited about having our first in-person gathering in two years and have put in place a mitigation plan to account for COVID concerns.

The Science and Assessment Committees will be flying out to Alyeska early on Nov. 1-2 to begin and/or continue their committee work. Again, we are happy that this meeting will be able to take place in person and that folks will be able to hammer out some of the details regarding the new science standards and our new online assessment platform. Go team!

ED F593 Introduction to Schoology: Mathew Stark is offering a PD course for LPSD teachers this fall through UAF Bristol Bay Campus. In the course, teachers learn how to use Schoology to build instructional materials for students in all of their courses. The primary focus is for teachers to learn the skills needed to begin using Schoology with students. Schoology is a new online learning platform that the district wants staff to use next semester. It allows teachers, students, and parents to access course materials anytime and anywhere they have an internet connection.

## **Curriculum**

Science Committee: Science committee volunteer members are Branden Hummel (PTA), Nathan McArthur (PTH), James Williams (PVL), Stephanie Barthelman (NEW), Katie Zimmerman (PTH), and



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Jesse Davis (KHK). The committee is reviewing curriculums and will soon choose a curriculum for LPSD teachers to use next year.

CTE for High School Credit: Conversations have started about the possibility of merging CTE classes with LPSD's system of offering high school credit.

Assessment Committee: The Assessment Committee volunteer members are Matthew Stark (BAY), Sara Erickson (LAG), Jordan Davis (KHK), Patricia McCasland (NEW), and Austin McCourt (KHK). There is a lot to do, and we appreciate their willingness to be actively involved in the process.

Advanced Distance Courses: Supporting students and making advanced distance courses available and robust continues to be our goal. Today we have 12 students from 4 different sites participating in advanced distance courses.

## **Distance Classes**

The Distance Team had their first team meeting on Monday, October 4 to discuss a few online protocols and make sure that students/homesite teachers are providing enough information for online teachers to be able to move forward when things are not working as they should be. We also reviewed travel and eligibility and asked that homesite teachers provide a list of students traveling for LPSD sponsored events. Things are still going strong and distance classes continue to be a great option for our small sites!

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