



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Date: March 13, 2026
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Bill Cornell- Director of Personnel
Re: March Personnel Report

Staff Recognition

I want to recognize the following individuals who will be resigning at the end of their current contracts, and publicly thank them for their service to LPSD:

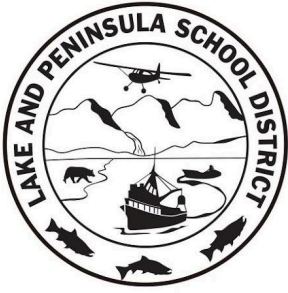
- Rebecca Baker- Ms. Baker served as the Perryville elementary teacher this year.
- Tom Walker- Mr. Walker served as the secondary and head teacher in Perryville this year. Previously, Mr. Walker served two times as a temporary teacher in Levelock. In addition to teaching, Mr. Walker served as the volleyball and basketball coach.
- Lauren Seiter- Ms. Seiter has served the past two years as the upper elementary/middle level teacher at Meshik School. In addition, she has served as the Meshik Community Coordinator through the TC2H grant.
- Connor Romer- Mr. Romer has served as the secondary math and science teacher over the past two years, as well as the basketball coach. Although he will not be teaching at the school, Mr. Romer intends to stay in the community.
- Rebecca Bastien- Ms. Bastien served as the upper elementary teacher in Newhalen this year.
- Jenny Cundiff- Ms. Cundiff served as the elementary teacher in Igiugig this year.

In addition to recognizing certified teaching staff, I would like to recognize student teachers Dylan McAdam (Chignik Lake), Harleigh Livingston (Nondalton), Gianna Granick (Newhalen), and Rebekah Meyers (Newhalen) for the time they have devoted to students, staff, and community.

FY27 Draft Calendars

As requested, two additional FY27 School Calendars have been drafted. One based on the standard calendar posed at the February Work Session with two inservice days shifted to be student contact days; and, one reflecting a shift to opening two weeks later than normal to accommodate early September travel and moose seasons.

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Certified Recruitment and Staffing:

We continue to be fully staffed for the spring semester.

All admin and teacher contracts for current staff have been offered, and either accepted or rejected. Altogether, we have 15 certified staff not returning for the 2026-2027 school year; 12 teachers, and three administrators. Last year, we had 10 certified staff not returning for the 2025-2026 school year; nine teachers, and one principal.

Due to an increase in enrollment, and instructional need for next year, we are looking to hire an additional elementary teacher at Chignik Lake in the coming year. Otherwise, we are projected to keep consistent with the current teaching positions at other sites. To offset the cost of an additional teacher in Chignik Lake, we have looked to reduce overall administrative positions by slightly more than 1.0 FTE through adjusting oversight of schools and district programs.

Currently, we have the following openings posted to our website, and the Alaska Educator Retention and Recruitment Center (formerly ATP), for the 2026-2027 school year. If you hear of any interested candidates, please feel free to share my contact information with them.

- Itinerant SPED Teacher- Based in Chignik Lagoon
- Itinerant SPED Teacher- Based out of Nondalton
- Secondary Generalist- Perryville
- Elementary Teacher- Perryville
- Lower Elementary Teacher- Chignik Lake
- Upper Elementary Teacher- Chignik Lake
- Lower Elementary Teacher- Port Heiden
- Upper Elementary Teacher- Port Heiden
- Secondary Math/Science- Kokhanok
- Secondary ELA/Social Studies- Newhalen School
- Elementary Teacher- Newhalen

Contract Adjustments:

FY26 contract adjustments, and FY27 contracts movement are outlined on the Personnel Approval List.

As always, please reach out to me at bcornell@lpsd.com, or at (907)571-1211 if you have any questions.

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