



Date: March 16, 2022
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report, March 23, 2023

Front Burner Dates & Happenings:

March 15-18, 2023: State Basketball - Anchorage (Congratulations to our Tanalian Lady Lynx & Malamute Boys and Girls Teams!)

March 19-25, 2023: BBRCTE Session III (Borough Meeting this week, Borough will have lunch with our students)

April 4-8, 2023: AK Star State Testing District-Wide

April 10-14, 2023: SNAP (Sports, NYO, Academics, Prom) - Newhalen

April 13, 2023: Board Meeting in Newhalen

Alaska Education & Legislative Session While I stand with many Superintendents across the State in being grateful for the Governor's attention to funding public education, we feel it is misdirected. The Governor's bill (HB106/SB107) to set an annual incentive for teachers (for LPSD, it would be \$15K/teacher) aimed to reduce turnover. Still, it does not address our dire need to address inflation, deferred maintenance, energy, or healthcare costs. The only way to truly secure funding for items on this list is through an increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA).

Mr. Bill Cornell, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Personnel, and I attended the Alaska Council of School Administrators Fly-In in Juneau, on February 28-March 1, in advocacy of an increase in the BSA. We were not exactly surprised, yet taken aback by the response and reaction of some of the House Education Commitee regarding an increase in funding for public education. If you want to watch the recording, please let me know, and I'll share it directly. We will continue to show up via Testimony and possibly again in Juneau later this month to keep fighting this good fight.

Small School Intent to Enroll for 2023-2024 We have sent out our intent to enroll forms to small school sites (those with 15 or fewer currently enrolled students) to fill out so we can make predictions for staffing and funding for schools in the year ahead. We sent intent to enroll forms to Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Bay, Pilot Point, and Levelock. This will allow us to also evaluate the status of our currently “soft closed” schools (Chignik Bay & Pilot Point) for reopening to determine for the 2023-2024 school year how to move forward with these facilities if they are not open with ten students enrolled. We will have the intent to enroll forms information back to discuss during our April work session.

Current K-12 enrollment at LPSD Schools:

Tanalian School, Port Alsworth	39
Perryville School	19
Meshik School, Port Heiden	23
Nondalton School	20
Newhalen School	77
Chignik Lagoon School	13
Chignik Lake School	19
Igiugig School	23
Levelock School	10
Kokhanok School	34

AK Reads Act We have much to consider when implementing the Alaska Reads Act in the year ahead. A lot of our focus with the five inservice days (instead of five Teacher Flex Days) in the 2023-2024 school year will focus on how LPSD is meeting the requirements of the Reads Act and the creation and implementation of components below, which will have financial implications to LPSD, most unfunded by the State (more to come on the topic of finances as we learn more).

- MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) - A plan for each kindergarten through third-grade school based on a multi-tiered support system or response to a tiered intervention framework for planning evidence-based reading instruction and intervention. The plan must be approved by DEED.
- Creation of a culturally responsive individualized reading improvement plan for each kindergarten through third-grade student with an identified deficit on the literacy screener to address skill gaps
- Support for planning instruction of the individual reading improvement plan for properly trained staff
- Out-of-school support for kindergarten through third-grade students that score at the lowest level on the literacy screener to address skill deficits in reading
- Evidence of educator proficiency in the Science of Reading for Grades K-3 with an emphasis on a culturally responsive approach

Tribal Compacting Update We have always kept an eye on Tribal Compacting, and we will continue to watch and learn. As of March 16, 2023, the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development selected five Tribal Partners to begin working on the State Tribal Education Compact Demonstration as passed in Senate Bill 34. To my knowledge, none of LPSD's community tribal entities applied. The five tribes selected are:

1. Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope
2. Ketchikan Indian Community
3. King Island Native Community
4. Knik Tribe
5. Central Council Tlingit and Haida