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Date: January 12, 2021

To: LPSD School Board Members

From: Kate Cornell and Nicole Metzgar

Re: January Curriculum Report

Professional Development

Late Start Monday: January's late start will focus on Outschool! We have a trainer lined up to refresh our teachers on how to access Outschool, how to help their students register for classes, and utilize their classroom funding. This is such a great program and we'd really like to support our teachers and families in accessing and using their funds. February's late start will be devoted to prompt scoring and making sure we are all calibrated between sites and scorers.

Tuesday 4-5 PM PD (Power Hour): Tuesday, January 18 is set aside for Principals to give site feedback on the End of Level proposals set forth by the Assessment Committee. February 15 will focus on Schoology and helping folks feel more comfortable with our shift to that platform. March 15 is going to be an open SBS conversation amongst our staff—this will allow people to share things that are working and any frustrations they may have. April 26 is going to be brief—we plan to share our timeline for August Inservice and anything else needed to wrap-up the school year.

Tutor/Student Teacher Training: On January 6th, student teachers and tutors flew into Anchorage and attended their SBS training on the 7th, shopped for food on the 8th, went to the Anchorage Museum on the 9th, and flew out to their sites on the 10th. We did have one positive Covid case that was caught immediately upon arrival to Anchorage as we had a testing requirement for everyone flying into the training. We had a mitigation plan in place that allowed the rest of us to feel comfortable meeting as a group, and all participants tested again before flying out to their sites. They will also be testing 3-5 days after landing in the village. They are a great group of adventurous folks and we are excited to have them on board for spring semester!

Curriculum

CTE for High School Credit: With the board's support, LPSD will begin offering credit for BBRCTE courses that LPSD students successfully complete with a C or higher grade or P for Pass or Fail courses. These courses will appear as elective credits and count towards meeting the high school graduation credit requirement of 9 elective credits. We are very excited to strengthen our regional partnership with BBRCTE and encourage student involvement by offering them credit for the effort put forth and the knowledge gained by participating in BBRCTE courses.

Assessment Committee: The assessment committee has shared their proposed changes for end of level assessments and is in the process of collecting feedback from principals and sites before finalizing their proposal and moving forward with the task of updating our end of level assessments. We would like to



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hold a 4 day Assessment Creation Retreat in May after school is out for teachers to get a large part of this project completed. Location and final dates of the May Retreat are TBD.

Science Committee: Science committee volunteers continue to discuss and research and gather feedback regarding final options for curriculum, materials, and resources as they finalize a way to make the Next Generation Science Standards work best for LPSD.

Advanced Distance Courses: Fall semester classes have finished for LPSD students. 19 advanced online courses were approved for the fall semester. We had 10 students from 4 different sites participate in the advanced distance online course program. Of the 19 courses, 4 were paid for through LPSD's financial aid application that was established in effort to support all students' access to advanced coursework. The reimbursable credit limit was increased for 11th graders. LPSD is now reimbursing 6 credits for 9th graders, 9 credits for 10th graders, 24 credits for 11th graders, and 24 credits for 12th graders. The application form was updated in an effort to streamline the application process. It has been attached and shared with the board for their review and record. Spring course applications are currently coming in. It is exciting to see the variety of topics and classes students are choosing to study and learn about

Distance Classes

Distance classes started back up on January 10th. Marli and Christian spent time during the week before making sure that the new platform, Schoology, was set and ready for the first day of classes. Everything seems to have gone well, so hopefully it will continue to be a student and teacher friendly platform! Student attendance in their online classes is so important—please continue to encourage students to attend their classes, ask questions when they have them, and get their work completed on time. I am excited to see how students grow throughout the Spring Semester!

As always, feel free to contact Kate Cornell at kcornell@lpsd.com (907.571.7020), or Nicole Metzgar at nmetzgar@lpsd.com (907.781.3201). Thanks for all you do!

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Advanced Online Course Application

Distance Approved Programs include: UA System, APEX and BYU

Students who qualify to take advanced courses are eligible to take the following number of credits based on their grade level:

9th grade: 6 credits

10th grade: 9 credits

11th grade: 24 credits

12th grade: 24 credits

Student Name:	State Grade:	Student records reviewed and updated: Y N	Course Request Term (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring
Student School:	Date:	Teacher or Principal Recommendation: Y N	
		Teacher/Principal Signature: _____	Total Semester Hours if Approved: _____

Courses taken from institutions outside of the UA System, BYU, or APEX*, will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount of \$200 per credit hour, and \$150 for books and materials, per course. Preapproval is required in order for course cost to be reimbursed. Students/Parents/Guardians are responsible for the cost of the course(s) and materials needed. LPSD will reimburse the cost of the course only if the student and parent/guardian agree:

- to complete all course work within two months of the proposed completion date.
- to achieve a C grade (70%) or higher
- to turn in proof of completion of the course and all receipts within two weeks of receiving the final grade to Theresa Wilson: twilson@lpsd.com

Agree Y N **Student Signature:** _____ Agree Y N **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____

**For APEX courses, students must reimburse LPSD if the course(s) is not complete with a C grade (70%) or higher at the end of the course term. Cost for APEX courses is \$300 per semester, per course. If a student does not repay the District, they will no longer be allowed to take further advanced online courses. APEX courses will not show up on transcripts unless you submit proof of completion of the course.*

List courses are you applying for. Continue on another sheet if need be.

<u>H.S. Grad. level met in this content area?</u>	<u>Course and Class # (i.e. ENG 101, 45321)</u>	<u>Course Description and Completion Date</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Credit hours</u>	<u>Total Cost (Course + Book/Material Cost)</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Financial Aid needed for course?</u>
Y N	1.							Y N
Y N	2.							Y N
Y N	3.							Y N
Y N	4.							Y N

COURSE SUBMISSION: Submit your completed form to Nicole Metzgar (nmetzgar@lpsd.com).

For District Office Use: Approve Deny Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Financial Aid Application

Distance Approved Programs include: UA System, APEX and BYU

The vision of the Lake and Peninsula School District is to develop productive citizens who are positive role models, self-directed learners, college and/or career ready, and resilient. In efforts to support all students, LPSD realizes that gaining access to advanced coursework offerings can be challenging. With this in mind, LPSD is committed to supporting students in need of financial assistance in order to gain access to advanced coursework. To be granted financial aid, a student must complete the following contract before LPSD will agree to pay for the advanced course up front.

Total costs applying for: []

Reason for applying for financial aid (approval for this financial aid will be based on need and the reasons stated below):

[Empty box for reason for applying for financial aid]

Financial Aid Contract. Only complete if you need financial aid.

I understand and agree that LPSD will pay the cost of my online course. We, student/parent/guardian, agree to reimburse LPSD if the course(s) is not completed with a C grade (70%) or higher at the end of the course term. If the family does not repay the District, the student will no longer be allowed to take further Advanced Online courses until the District is reimbursed. Transcripts must be submitted to the LPSD Registrar once the course is completed, before subsequent courses will be approved.

Agree Y N

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

FINANCIAL AID SUBMISSION: Submit your completed form to Nicole Metzgar (nmetzgar@lpsd.com).

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