

## November Report

Good evening, members of the board. I'm pleased to report that life at school has been quite steady since our last meeting. One standout memory from this month was our assembly, where we had some fun taping Ms. Nieraeth to the wall as part of the food drive organized by Ms. Ricki's Leadership class.

Basketball season kicked off on November 18th, and I'm proud to say that four high school girls are committed to traveling to Monroe High School for practice every day. Both the middle school and high school teams have been putting in great effort to prepare for their upcoming games. On December 2nd the Middle School Basketball teams played Mapleton at home, our girls' team lost both the A and B games, but they played hard and showed great determination. The Boys' team had a fantastic start to the season by winning their A game, Unfortunately, the B team faced some challenges and ended up losing their game.

As you may remember, during our last board meeting, you asked for representatives to discuss the pros and cons of attending a K-12 school. I firmly believe that attending a K-12 school offers significant benefits. I have been at Alsea since preschool, and as I advanced through the grades, I looked up to the high schoolers I saw walking in the hallway. Their presence inspired me, and in middle school, watching the home basketball games motivated me to work hard and aspire to their level of play.

An example of this is when the annual Jog-a-thon took place. The secondary students stood in the hall and cheered the younger kids on, with some even running alongside them to offer support. I believe this is a good experience for our school because it allows elementary and secondary students to engage in an activity together. I remember the older kids cheering my class on during the Joga-thon, and it was always a positive experience

Having high school students serve as role models for younger kids is crucial. It fosters a positive environment where younger students can look up to the older students, while the high schoolers understand the impact they have, motivating them to set a good example. However, remaining in the same K-12 school throughout our education can also present challenges. Some students might find it difficult to adapt to new environments, which could hinder their ability to handle change and new experiences in the future.

In conclusion, attending a K-12 school like Alsea offers numerous advantages such as role models and a strong sense of community. I apologize for not presenting in person due to basketball practice in Monroe. Thank you for your understanding.