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**Covid-19** – This Monday, we will be fully operational once again. We will continue to ask all students and staff to wear masks while in our schools until we can further assess our situation after all holiday activities and travel are complete. Several LPSD staff have already received the first round of the Covid Vaccine and we are working closely with our health corporations in administering vaccinations in our communities – help is on the way!

**Recruitment and Retention** – It is exciting to report that all indicators point towards one of the lowest turn-over years I have seen over the last 15 years! I am sure the Teacher Signing Incentives had something to do with it, but overall I believe it is just an indicator of the quality of our current staff and their commitment to our kids.

**Igiugig Duplex** – Now our 5<sup>th</sup> largest site, Igiugig is in need of a third teacher and more classroom space. Currently the district has one housing unit and a small itinerant in IGI (we also rent a small house from the village). In order to consider another teacher, we first will have to find additional housing. LPSD has applied for an AHFC housing grant for a new duplex. This grant has been AWARDED in the amount of \$500,000 and the plan is to break ground this spring.

**Pedro Bay** – We are moving forward with the Pedro Bay lease transfer and will keep the Board informed as this process progresses. In addition, the Borough has been approached by the City of Egegik on the status of the school there. This will spur a somewhat different conversation since the building and land are owned outright and not leased... Again, we will keep the Board informed as we know more.

**Igiugig Biomass Project** – The Borough has received a grant to explore the feasibility of a biomass boiler for Igiugig School. I have asked Nathan Hill to join us during our February work session to give the Board an overview of this grant.

**In-person Meetings** – I have recently been asked about when we can get together in-person again. I think that this is an excellent question and it will be invaluable to have the Board “together” to further discuss the many obstacles that we have put behind us and the ones we have yet to tackle. I think, however, this question will depend a lot on the availability of vaccinations in our region and the Board’s comfort level with traveling once again. I am optimistic that our world will look differently and in-person meetings might be able to resume in March or April....