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## Looking Forward

While it seems that we still struggle to maintain daily operations within our allotted budget, two new grants have allowed us to breathe a bit of energy and excitement back into LPSD. Looking toward next year we are excited to have many innovative initiatives / events slated:

**Library Refresh** – This summer we will begin the first phase of our “library refresh” program and we will be weeding, updating and refreshing our north site libraries. Next summer we will begin the same process with our south sites.

**Summer Activities for Students** – Igiugig is in the last year of their ANE Grant and will once again be offering many exciting cultural/educational programs throughout LPSD this summer. In addition, our federal literacy grant will be providing each student K-12 with STEM activities and summer bridge resources to work on over the summer (there will be incentives for those who finish these). Lastly, LPSD has 18 middle school applicants for the BBNC ANSEP academy in Anchorage from May 25 through June 6 – an outstanding science and engineering camp.

**Literacy Professional Development** – We haven't been able to afford much professional development over the past 5 or 6 years so it is exciting to offer our staff summer college course stipends, a summer early literacy conference, early literacy training in Katmai and further literacy training in January. Add to this, monies to take folks to the RTI conference and our teachers will be exposed to some outstanding educational training.

**Katmai Inservice** – Through our Library/Literacy grants, we are excited to kick next year off with an all-staff inservice at the Katmai Lodge on the Alagnak River. We will be joined by Lexi Domaradzki and Shelby Skaanes who are touted as two of the premier early literacy trainers in Alaska. In addition to literacy, we will focus on each and every child as we go through our data review improvement process

with each school site. We are looking forward to starting off the 2020/2021 school year with the excitement and energy that comes with bringing our staff together.

**October Inservice** – In conjunction with our partner, Bristol Bay School District, we look forward to time together to share expertise and strengthen our instructional methodology. We plan to take this time to reflect on and strengthen many of the programs and techniques that make LPSD the strong instructional district that it is – our standards based system, self-regulation, current online offerings, core curriculum, etc.

**Online Offerings** – We will enter our second year with our small school online math and language arts classes. So far that data has shown that these courses are working well and our kids are benefiting. We will however, closely monitor the PEAK scores (in comparison to last year) and we will also be surveying students at the end of the year to collect anecdotal data to assess the program further.

**Literacy Mentoring** – With the plan to offer intensive literacy professional development over the next five years we want to make sure everyone, especially new staff, are supported. Out of this need came our literacy coaching program where experienced LPSD educators will be assigned to non-tenured (new) staff to work with them throughout the school year. Our mentors for next school year are:

- Cassie Broschious (Nondalton)
- Sara Erickson (Chignik Lagoon)
- Dana Wolff (Kokhanok)
- Barbra Donachy (Chignik Lake)
- Matt Stark (Chignik Lake)
- Nicole Metzgar (Port Alsworth)

**Candice's Books for Kids** – With over 10,000 books delivered, we are celebrating a decade of sending books into the homes of our littlest Lake and Penners. With our new federal grant we are stocking up our supply of new books (and bags) with a budget of \$10,000 a year.

**Grants** – While we currently have our hands full with our current awards, Zach is writing CTE grants and we are also hoping to pursue a counseling grant if a competition is announced. Lastly, we hope to pursue a teacher housing grant for a possible duplex in Igiugig.

**CTE** – While this program is now almost 10 years old, it is still exciting to watch it evolve with each passing year. Zach Stenson has many exciting opportunities on the horizon, we look forward to watching the program grow under his leadership.

**Subsistence Calendar** – It's hard to believe that we are finishing up our third year with our new calendar! We have been approved by EED for another three-year waiver, allowing us to continue to measure learning based on performance and not the time that our students sit in a classroom chair.

