

#### THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Board of Education

Lake and Peninsula School District

From: Marjorie Waggoner

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Re: Special Education Report

# **Special Education Professional Development**

Several of our special education teachers attended the Alaska State Special Education Conference on February 7, 8, and 9, 2022. The theme was "Returning, Reflecting, Redefining". The agenda was packed with sessions by nationally recognized professionals in special education and related fields. Keynotes included Haley Moss, neurodiversity expert, attorney and advocate, Mark Chartier, special education teacher and motivational speaker, and Panigkaq Agatha John-Shields, PHD, assistant professor in the school of education, UAA. We thank the District for paying registration and travel expenses for those teachers who chose to attend.

I will be attending the Special Education Directors' Training sponsored by DEED on March 19 and 20. We will be participating in sessions dealing with special education law and sessions to sharpen the skills that are required to be a special education director. It has not been decided at this time whether the training will be in person or virtual. Either way, it is a good opportunity to network and learn from the experiences of my colleagues.



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## **Indicators 8 and 14**

It's that time of year and I am working on compiling data for Indicators 8 (Parent Involvement) and 14 (Post School - Outcomes). This data is provided to the state yearly to enable the department to conduct surveys that determine the post-school outcomes of special education students, and determine parent involvement with special education students. This data is due to the state on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Kudos

We are fortunate to have such a fine team of special education professionals. Our team works together well and prepares innovative lessons and assessments for measurement of academic growth. I thought that the challenges of COVID would be over by this point. However, with the continued need for safety and flexibility, the special education teachers and staff go above and beyond to provide the services for students as prescribed by each IEP.