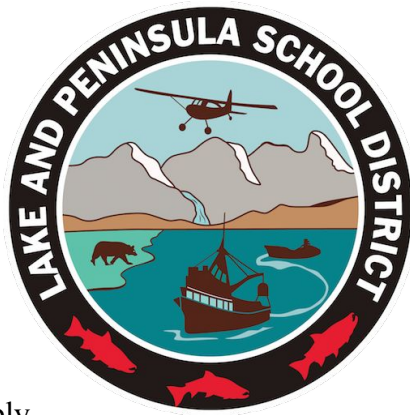


Vision: We grow self directed, life-long learners who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities.



Mission: We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships and implementing culturally responsive, place based education.

Date: April 13, 2025
To: Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report: April 15, 2025

Upcoming LPSD Graduation Dates

Nondalton Warriors: April 25, 2025
Perryville Eagles: April 25, 2025
Port Alsworth / Tanalian Lynx: April 27, 2025
Port Heiden / Meshik Wolves: May 3, 2025
Chignik Lagoon Wolverines: May 10, 2025

Dates & Happenings:

- SNAP Meet (Science - Native Youth Olympics - Academics - Prom) @ Newhalen School, April 14-18 (Middle School Students' travel is locally funded)
- State NYO, Anchorage, April 24-26, 2025
- Friday, May 9, 2025 Final Day of School (2:00 PM dismissal)
- Saturday, May 10, 2025 Final Teacher Work Day

Congratulations to LPSD students who have already Graduated this Semester!

Levelock Vikings:
**Maddy Apokedak and
John Prokopiof-Tallekpalek**



Newhalen Malamute:
Chariessa Askoak



Newhalen Malamute:
Nicholas Wassillie



Newhalen Malamute:
Bryce Olympic

Alaska Legislative Session Update: Education Funding

Late Friday afternoon, April 11, the Alaska Legislature passed House Bill 69, which includes a **permanent \$1,000 increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA)** — raising it from \$5,960 to \$6,960. The bill passed with an 11-9 vote in the Senate and a 21-16 concurrence in the House.

While the Governor has expressed opposition to the increase without accompanying education reform, this proposed BSA increase would represent a **\$1,470,830 funding boost for LPSD** in the 2025-2026 school year.

If this increase is signed into law and our current programs and assumptions (as presented during the March 13 budget reading) remain unchanged, LPSD could anticipate a **modest fund balance of approximately \$30,000** for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Budget Impact Scenarios for 2025-2026:

Funding Scenario	Estimated Budget Impact
\$1000 increase to BSA	Approx. \$30,000 fund balance
\$680 increase (BSA or one time funds)	Approx. (\$439,781) deficit
Flat funding at current BSA (\$5960)	Approx. (\$1,439,945) deficit

Additional Notes:

- The **first reading of the 2025-2026 LPSD Budget** was held on March 13, 2025. A copy is attached for your review.
- The **second and final reading** will take place on **April 17, 2025**, at the School Board meeting in Newhalen.

On April 10, the LPSD Finance Committee convened to discuss the fiscal outlook for 2025-2026. The meeting focused on the uncertainty of state funding and explored strategies for balancing the district’s budget. We were joined by **Borough Manager Nathan Hill** and **Borough Finance Officer Mark Stahl**, whose thoughtful input and collaborative spirit were greatly appreciated. Their willingness to engage in long-term problem-solving discussions (looking 3–5 years ahead) is invaluable as we navigate this uncertain funding landscape.

We will continue to keep you informed as the legislative session progresses and as we refine our budget planning.

2025-2026 Small School Intent to Enroll

Levelock School has turned in the majority of their intent to enroll forms, combined with students enrolled currently who will be in school next year, there are 9 students K-12. We have returning staff from 2024-2025 school year for Levelock for the start of the school year. The elementary teacher has committed to a full year and the secondary teacher is a long term, familiar LPSD staff member who intends to be in Levelock through at least count.

Chignik Lagoon has turned in their intent to enroll forms, they will have 11 students K-12 intending to enroll as of right now. We have returning, veteran staff in the elementary and are seeking a secondary generalist and special education teacher for Chignik Lagoon. The special education teacher would serve as the South Area Special Education itinerant.

May 2025 End of Year Wrap Up / LPSD Goal Setting & Strategic Plan Review

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 School Board Travel to Anchorage

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 Superintendent Evaluation / School Board Goal Setting with AASB (location TBD)

Thursday, May 8, 2025 School Board Work Session & Meeting In person (location TBD)

Friday, May 9, 2025 Final Day of School

Saturday, May 10, 2025 Final Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, May 14, 2025 Principals Travel to Anchorage

Wednesday, May 15 & 16, 2025 Principal End of Year Gathering / 2025-2026 Planning based on Board Goals & Strategic Plan