



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Lake and Peninsula School Board

From: Tim McDermott

Re: Maintenance Report

Welcome back for the FY24 operational year. Now that school has started and we palatize the realities of reduced budgets and the concept of doing more with less, the Maintenance Department is even more committed than ever to providing the tools for operational support throughout the district. The resources of this Department have our limited itinerant staff and reduced budget focused on projects, asset maintenance, safety and compliance. Communication, organization, and supervision of day-to-day operation of the sites rests with site principals and, through them, the head teachers. As much as possible, the work should be executed with local determination and resources. This Maintenance Department heavily relies on communication with the site heads and staff to understand the needs and provide the necessary support and tools to maintain safe and healthy facilities. The path for this communication remains consistent. Maintenance requests are received at the Maintenance Helpdesk, maintenance@lpsd.com

Anyone, staff, students, administration, community ... can send an email request to this address. Please include the pertinent information, i.e., make/model numbers, a brief description of the request, and photos, if possible.

Maintenance personnel are available by cell phone and by email, twenty-four hours a day, 7 days a week, for circumstances that are immediate. Some of the school sites have local classified staff and resources. This is a District goal, but is not always practical or possible. Some of the sites have a combination of certified staff and local classified personnel that work together to service the operational needs. Some of the sites have very little local classified resources and are largely dependent on certified staff and itinerant support. The key to success in this environment is communication. The district's administrative team, together with insight and input from the sites, is working to encourage this critical classified support locally, and to provide for classified support of the schools in those villages where these necessary resources are not available. As you know, LPSD Maintenance has mothballed the Chignik Bay School, drained out and evacuated the systems, secured the buildings, and disconnected the utilities. A sad day for the community of Chignik Bay. Now LPSD is faced with the same fate for our Pilot Point School, likely followed by Levelock School, unless a creative solution is formed between the local entity, be it city or village, the School District, and the Borough for purposing these facilities. This is a regional problem that requires regional collaboration. It is imperative moving forward at this level that close communication and the resultant understanding is maintained amongst the leadership team at LPSD ... the superintendent, the business department, the school board, and the maintenance department ... as we

strive to balance equality and equity in facilities throughout the region and do more with less. Thank you for your continuing support and communication as the Maintenance Department strives to provide safe, healthy facilities for our staff, students, and communities during this FY24 school year. Department contact is out there, maintenance@lpsd.com, or our cell phones in cases of immediate need.