



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Tim McDermott

Re: Maintenance Report

This past short month of November 2023 the LPSD Maintenance staff was primarily involved with operational maintenance, system monitoring, logistical support, communications, and associated recordkeeping. General cleaning and daily maintenance of the sites has been and continues to be under the supervision of the principals and head teachers.

The Maintenance Department consists of myself, a field mechanic, a safety and compliance position, and a small crew of temporary maintenance personnel configured to specific site maintenance needs. This department is traveling as little as possible and projects are being addressed with the resources at hand in as much as circumstances dictate. There are some plans for internal projects in the works, like the power to the shop at Chignik Lake School and the drinking fountains at Newhalen School for a couple of examples, scoreboard at Igiugig, sound system at Kokhanok, projects that we save thousands of dollars on executing the work ourselves, given the timing and the method. However we as a whole are, for the most part, dealing with aging facilities and deteriorating infrastructure.

Collectively, and with some success, we are finding ways to get things done in different ways. The School District is talking with the villages about a greater level of ownership, of not only purchasing the desired asset but also planning for labor and resources to install the new scoreboard, the new sound system, the new drinking fountains, items the villages and LSACs request and support.

Much of this Department's time and effort is invested on a daily basis into data entry and communication, accountability and documentation, exhausting in an environment that is challenged for personnel and overtime, but necessary when reports are required and decisions are reviewed both before and after the fact.

Available manpower, weather, and conditions allowed for traveling Maintenance work at Igiugig and Newhalen during the month of November. December efforts have started at Chignik Lagoon with the schedule for the month determined, again, mostly by circumstance. We are hoping to be able to complete some internal projects over the Christmas break in addition to cleaning the schools and getting housing prepared for new staff, student teachers, and tutors coming after the break.

With the end of fall, Christmas and the associated break approaching, and the advent of our winter season, Maintenance would emphasize collective effort at communication, understanding, and transparency as we focus our best efforts on individual areas of operation and responsibility. Uncertainty is shared in this challenging environment and we are all unquestionably much better together. Feel free to reach out and contact the Maintenance Department at maintenance@lpsd.com or on our cell phones, Tim 907-469-0460, Carl 907-469-0473, or Damian 907-201-9434.