

Nuiqsut Trapper School
April 8th report

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Enrollment 160

Highlights

1. We have officially been in Green Status for over a month. This has allowed us to see our students every day and work hard to catch up. We have worked towards opening up activity after activity to ensure we are getting back to normal as quickly and safely as possible. In addition to a five day school week, we also have night rec, library, sports, and student council sponsored events to include high school game night and an elementary glow back to green party.

2. Graduation planning is in full swing! Since our last report, we now have 11 seniors, 2 juniors, 1 night school student who have or will completed all requirements on time. They are working on putting together their graduation ceremony and planning for their futures. Instead of a prom, they decided on a game night to include lots of fun and food. We are also having a senior dinner taco bar style. This group has so much to celebrate as they did not let these trying times stop them. They showed up, did their work and are ready to take the next step.

3. Teacher staff retention – At this point we only have 2 teachers leaving and one is due to retirement. This will help us have a strong start next year as we continue to build upon the training and programs we have worked on this year.

Concerns

1. A major concern we have is the learning gaps that COVID has created as well as the gap that was present before the pandemic increased our obstacles. We simply do not have enough teachers to give our students the education they deserve. Currently we have 160 students with 11 classroom teachers responsible for ECE through 12th grade. We have one ILT teacher and no permanent CTE position. The lack of a permanent CTE does not allow us to have vital career education courses in place for our high school. In order to fill some of the gap created by not having enough teachers, we have used our Title 1 Funds to staff our 6th grade classroom. However, these funds are supposed to be able to be additional support for our kids, not to make up for not have a staffed position in the first place. WE NEED HELP! In addition to being a Title 1 school, we are also a designated CSI school with scores that not only place us in the bottom of the district but also the lowest 5% of the entire state. I desperately need the support of the district to have enough teachers to cover my basic classes as well as be able to utilize the extra grant funds I have to hire an interventionist. Our students need additional support if we ever want to close the learning gap. We need on-site support to help identify and work with our students in addition to what they are getting in the classroom. I know that the budget is tight but

we are doing a disservice to our children by not having our schools properly staffed to meet the individual needs of each student at each site. As site principal I have to look at my students struggle every day and now I have to make decisions such as whether or not I can support an ECE program that is instrumental in the development of our children just so I can cover the increasing numbers in my upper grade classrooms. I am open for any and all suggestions to give our children what they deserve each and every day they step foot in school.

2. Still have multiple classified positions open for hire.

Cook II, Maintenance I Custodian, Paraprofessional as well as adding some positions that are open for next year.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

10th – Cultural Inservice Day

10th - Community Health Fair

10th - High School Game Night

12th – 16th – SkiKu Visit

17th – Elementary Glow Party

21st-23rd - Vallie/ Conocophillips will be here to do afterschool Skiing

21st – Corwin Training after school on Wed

23rd- 30th – Artist visit to paint mural in school with our students

May 3rd – 6:30pm Senior Dinner

May 3rd – May 7th – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7th – Graduation

May 14th – End of 4th quarter Last Day of School

May 15th – Teacher Work Day

TBD –

Day of Caring