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To: Board of Education  
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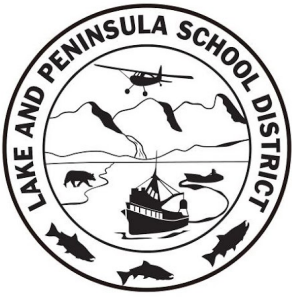
Re: Special Education Report

## **Another Great Start to the School Year!**

Each year I am impressed by the collaboration that occurs between the special education teachers and paras and the regular education staff at each school. With their willingness to not only think outside of the box but visualize that there is no box, they made certain that every special education student was provided the program and services as determined by their individual IEPs. This is no small task when also juggling all the paperwork and documents that are part of each new school year as students return, move in, and move out, and planning schedules and instruction to meet the needs of the students.

## **Paraeducator Training**

The special education teachers have been working to provide 6 hours of training to each sped paraeducator under their supervision which is required yearly. The topics are required by regulation include: confidentiality, IEP contents, disability specific training, safety procedures, and instructional procedures. Other areas may be covered as needed. The training is specific to the students that the para works with and helps paras provide the services needed for the students to meet their IEP goals and objectives. The teachers are required to send in a signed document verifying that the training has been completed. I appreciate the timely way our teachers complete this para training. This task is one of the Special Education Assurances that the state requires.



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## **Professional Development and Training**

We will continue our PD activities during the inservice October 15-17 in Newhalen. It is exciting to have on-site inservice again. It is such a rich opportunity to gather with the teachers and staff that work together to provide a good education for our students. We plan to hold break-out sessions for regular education teachers as well as special education teachers and staff. We are planning to include topics such as: the importance of following a student's IEP; how to understand what a student's IEP is requiring; implementing accommodations and modifications in the classroom; the role and responsibilities of the special education teacher, regular education teacher, and paraeducator in providing the services required by the IEP. The special education teacher will also receive training specific to special education regulations and requirements. A webinar training by Pearson Assessments will be available to sped teachers who required further training on the Weschler Individual Achievement Test which is used by LPSD to determine special education eligibility.

## **Special Education Directors' Training**

The annual fall special education directors' training with the DEED and Council of Administrators for Special Education will be held October 22-24 in Anchorage at the Marriott Hotel. I will be attending to represent LPSD and BBBSD. The agenda is not available at this time. I will share highlights in my November Board report.

I appreciate the Board's support of the special education program in Lake and Peninsula School District. Service delivery in LPSD is innovative and effective. Our teachers work diligently to help student achieve their goals and prepare for an independent and successful life after high school.