

To: Lake and Penn School Board

From: Concerned Parents and Community of Chignik Bay

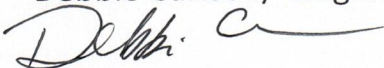
Hi my name is Debbie Carlson, I am writing on behalf of the parents and community of Chignik Bay. We are concerned that we will lose our school if we can't get enough kids. As of now we have 9 kids enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year. Two of the 9 kids are my grandkids who are staying with me to help ensure we have enough kids, while their parents move out to seek winter jobs. We have hired and relocated a new Health Aide who has 4 kids, 1 of which is school aged, 1 who has missed the cut off by 10 days for the upcoming school year and two more that will help for future school year counts. I have called numerous people trying to get more kids enrolled in our school. I have no one else to turn to but to ask the Lake and Penn Board to PLEASE consider keeping our school open. I am worried that if we don't have a school we won't have a community. Our commercial salmon seasons have been catastrophic for the past few years people have to move out to get work. There are some families that can't afford to move out. A major concern is what will happen to the kids left behind? What about the guarantee that each child is provided an education in the place they live? Our internet as you know is not reliable enough to support an online education. As you can see there is a huge trickle down affect if the school does not open, we lose the education piece for the kids and we lose our only health care provider for the village.

In Closing it is important to preserve culture and the way of life in our rural community without it is not viable.

We know you are aware and share our concerns in keeping Chignik Bay School open. We believe none want to see it closed down.

Respectfully,

Debbie Carlson/ Chignik Bay Tribal Administrator

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Debbie C.', is written over the typed name.