

August 9, 2023

Regional School Board
Northwest Arctic Borough School District
PO Box 51
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Dear President Margaret Hansen and Board Members,

We recently attended the 2023 Youth Leaders Captain's Leadership Camp August 6-11, 2023, in Kotzebue. At camp we took a field trip to the Board Room in the District Office. We learned about the School District's leadership and how it operates. We also learned about speaking at our local Advisory School Board meetings and the Regional School Board meetings. When we talked about how to be "Persons to be heard" we were asked about an important issue in our schools.

All the Captains talked about how nice it has been at KMHS using the water bottle fillers and wondered why all the schools did not have the water bottle fillers in their schools. We noticed that we all drank more water when we were here in Kotzebue and could see how much healthier it is for us to drink water rather than other drinks.

On Tuesday, August 8th, Superintendent Mrs. Walker was a guest speaker in our camp, and we asked her about the water bottle fill stations. She told us they have the stations, but the maintenance people cannot get them installed in all the schools because they keep getting interrupted by all the emergency calls, they go to. We understand that emergencies happen and that there are important maintenance tasks at schools that are a priority.

We think that our health depends on us drinking clean water and ask that you move our request to install the water bottle fill stations up on the maintenance priority list.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jalissa & Kelly

Ambler Youth Leader Captain

Elsie Foster

Buckland Youth Leader Captain

Leyna Jackson

Deering Youth Leader Captain

Leyna Jackson

Kiana Youth Leader Captain

David Swan

Kivalina Youth Leader Captain

Anthony Lambert

KMHS Youth Leader Captain

Moody Jr

Kobuk Youth Leader Captain

David Swan

Noatak Youth Leader Captain

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