

Student Representative Report for September 2020
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My name is Brooke Singson and I am a junior at BHS. I am one of three student representatives to the Board. My monthly report covers the following schools: Barrow High School, Ipalook Elementary, Meade River School and Alak School.

I provided five questions to each school: In what way has your school participated in September's Suicide Awareness month? How was the start of the school year conducted? What student activities and events are still happening? What is your school doing well with, and what is your school looking to improve on in the next couple of months?

Due to Barrow schools being on the high-risk level, both schools' reports were provided by administration.

Mr. Jenkins, principal at BHS, gave the following report:

Due to the distance learning status, the school was given suicide prevention tools as well as information, and were working on a plan for distribution to students. They are also looking into regular distance meetings to support students in their social and emotional wellbeing. As for the start of the school year, BHS distributed laptops to all students including lessons and materials for first few weeks, and worked on establishing communication between home and school. All student activities at BHS are pending. The school feels that they have done well at establishing the opportunity to continue education and are looking to improve on ways of teaching from afar and ensuring that each student at BHS is engaged.

Brett Chapple, Assistant Principal at Ipalook Elementary, gave the following report:

For Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, each student was provided materials through student services for suicide awareness, and parents were given the suicide hotline number. On the counselor's website, they also included more educational material. For the start of the school year, each teacher created packets, video recordings, and teacher websites to continue educating from a distance. Due to the "Red" status, there are no student activities. Ipalook believes they have done well with their communication home, their distribution of work to students, and supporting one another during these times. They plan to finetune their delivery system, and improve their instructional delivery to kids on different avenues.

David Simmonds, student liaison at Meade River School, gave the following report:

In support of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the suicide hotline numbers were posted within the school, and students made lists on ten reasons life was wonderful and hung them by the hotline number. They are currently attending school two days a week, occasionally three, while elementary students attend every day. Many students come to school on Wednesdays to work with their teachers, and stay depending on space availability in the classrooms. They have had virtual cross country meets, and have yet to decide on how their volleyball season will go about. David said that he believes his school is doing well with keeping things clean, and with having no violence during these times. He also explained that they are working to improve on their state reading exam scores, and on incorporating new classes such as weight-lifting and journalism.

A report from Alak School was not available this month.