

**Date:** November 10, 2022  
**To:** LPSD School Board Members  
**From:** Kate Cornell and Nicole Metzgar  
**Re:** November Curriculum Report

## **Professional Development**

October Inservice Oct 19-21 & Oct 24: Fun. Inspired. Nostalgic. Energized. Rested. These are a few of the one word reflections shared by staff during the culmination of LPSD Inservice. We had a variety of sessions for staff to attend including Youth Mental Health First Aid, Visible Learning, Science Notebooks, Improving Multi-level Instruction, and various others. We also had a variety of presenters, from our own incredible staff, to the ANE Language Grant team, Texas Gail Raymond, and Panigkaq Agatha John Shields. Bristol Bay's own Pete Tallman continues to offer encouragement to our staff in powerful ways. He shared with staff to focus on what you *can* do, not on what you *can't* do. To sit with the uncertainty of not knowing, and to teach students how to find what they need vs. you finding it for them. Feedback from staff has been largely positive as we look to our coming PD trainings and think about how we can improve for next year. We were so pleased the board was able to join us for meals the day of the board training sessions—it's always nice to see you and get to share what's going on.

For your records and review, a copy of the inservice [schedule](#) is shared.

Late Start Monday, November 7: Michele Hughes and Nate Davis will co-lead a session on classroom management in a multi-level classroom. This is a topic that has been brought up in PD surveys as something that teachers want to have more training in, so we are pleased that Nate and Michele will be able to provide training on what it looks like in our district and in our classrooms.

Online Safe Schools Mandatory Trainings: Teachers need to complete 7 training modules within a flexible fall learning window before December 12, 2022: Alcohol and Drug-related Disabilities; Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention; Child Abuse: Mandatory Reporting; Cultural Competence and Racial Bias; Dating Violence: identification and Prevention; Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault: Awareness and Prevention; and Youth Suicide: Awareness, Prevention and Postvention. Many of these repeat every year, but they are such good reminders for all staff to have as they go through the school year.

## **Curriculum**

EOL Assessments: Math Assessment Committee members met at Alyeska on Tuesday, October 18. They were able to complete 8 out of the 13 remaining Math Assessment materials. The 5 remaining are versions B and C of the level assessments. At this time, an A version of every end of level assessment exists in both print and online testable options.

LPSD Progress Reports: Our first round of progress reports went out to families. The intent of these reports is to encourage meaningful conversations between families and schools about student's progress in their levels.

Writing Curriculum Guides: LV 6-8 Writing Curriculum Guides are being developed and peer reviewed this year. It is still a goal to replace the end of level writing prompt process for LV 6-8 with a LV 6-8 Writing Portfolio Process next school year.

Advanced Online Courses: LPSD had 14 students apply to take advanced online courses this semester. Those applying for reimbursement pay for the upfront cost of the course while the district pays for the upfront cost when a student applies for financial aid. Students continue to have access to financial aid and or are reimbursed when they successfully complete their courses with a C or higher.

- 5 advanced online students are receiving financial aid to take 6 courses from 1 site.
- 4 advanced online students applied for reimbursement to take 11 courses from 3 different sites.
- 5 credit recovery students are receiving financial aid to take 8 courses from 3 different sites

### **Distance Classes**

Mrs. Nikolaus and Mr. Meneskie continue to do wonderful things with our online distance students. The shift in Math from lessons every day to lessons every other day with a day in between for focused work has been positive based on feedback from teachers and students. Mr. Meneskie has seen an improvement in the number of students completing assignments on time, and in scores on those assignments. He's also piloting a new way of tracking standards progress and it is nice for those who like/need to see things visually presented. Mrs. Nikolaus is finding success in her novel studies and continues to inspire students to look at things through different lenses. One of the challenges of distance classes remains students out for district events such as CTE, jamborees, and sporting events. There is no good fix for this at this time, but we continue to troubleshoot with distance/homesite staff to make sure students don't fall behind when they attend these valuable experiences. The last day for distance classes for the semester will be December 16, and classes will pick up again on January 9.

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