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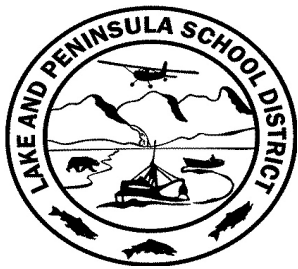
Re: Special Education Report

Starting Off the New School Year

The Special Education Department welcomes Matt Kuzan as the special education teacher at Kokhanok. Now that the students are back in the buildings, the teachers are not only busy teaching, they are doing the required paperwork and meetings to accept or amend the IEPs of students transferring to LPSD from other Alaska school districts as well as conducting evaluations and holding meetings to determine eligibility under Alaska law for special education students transferring into LPSD from out of state. The required paperwork must be in place by October 3rd in order for the new students to be included in LPSD's fall student count. The Fall Oasis Report is due November 11 and I will be working with the registrar on the special education information required for the report.

Special Education Program Monitoring

LPSD special education program will be monitored by DEED to check for compliance with IDEA and state regulations. This monitoring is required every five years and will take place during the window of October 4-10. This is the first year that the monitoring will be a digital examination of the special education records stored in PowerSchool rather than a paper records review. After the monitoring is complete, DEED will provide to the district a report listing strengths as well as any aspects of the special education program that require corrective action. Any required corrective action will be completed during the 2022/23 school year.



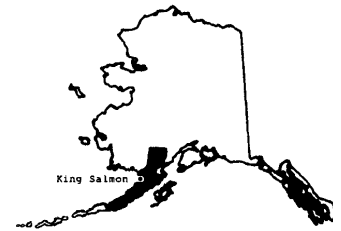
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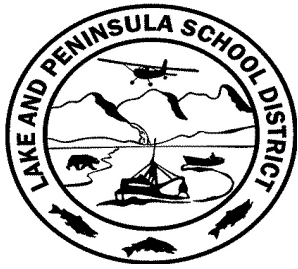
Fall Inservice

I am looking forward to the LPSD fall training at Alyeska and the chance to work with the special education teachers and other district staff in person. LPSD sped will be switching from the WIAT III achievement test to the WIAT IV. Our school psychologist will provide training for special education teachers on the new assessment. We will also hold sessions for regular education teachers about the basics of special education, best practices for supporting students on IEPs in the regular classroom, and using the skills of paraeducators to best support our students

Special Education Directors' Training

The annual fall special education directors' training with the DEED special education team will be held on October 27 and 28 in Anchorage. Art Cernosia, Esq. will again be on stage to provide the directors with a review of special education law and recent court decisions across the country. Ann M. Alexander, Ph.D., Esq. will present an overview of the complaint investigation process with a focus on recent complaints investigated and areas of recurring complaints. This is also a great opportunity for sped directors to network and learn from each other.

I can't believe this is my eighth year working for Lake and Peninsula School District. I do enjoy my work and look forward to the challenges and successes of school year 2022/23!



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