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Student Representative Report
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Good afternoon my name is Trishelle Okpik. I am a junior who attends Barrow High School, and one of the 3 student representatives for our school board. The school's I am reporting on are Eben Hopson Middle School in Utqiagvik, Alaska, Nuiqsut's school, Anaktuvuk Pass's School, along with Kaktovik's school. My report will be focusing on the mental health concept of school and how it is affected. For the month I have been trying to get both a teacher/adult of the school and a student's view on the topics we have chosen.

Eben Hopson Middle school still does not have any students attending their school. With having no students attending I will not have a student's view on things for this school. Due to Mr. Tenbroeck not being in office I have turned to the counselor of the middle school and was given a teacher's email. It took a while to get the information I needed, by the time I had gotten the emails there wasn't enough time to get a full report. Communication was very difficult due to the counselor nor the assistant principal not knowing what to do. Although I was provided with the SAC report from the assistant principal. Communication with both students and parents have been great. Now more work is being turned in then spring time. Hopson is having a hard time communicating with parents who are not participating. Along with a lot of students being hard to get ahold of. With tutoring being available to the students attending Hopson, very little students actually participate. For students who do not have internet access at home getting into contact with both the student and parent is a difficult task for Eben Hopson Middle School.

For Nuiqsut's school both the student representative and I have decided to stop the bullying idea due to not having enough information to go off of. I did not have any other proof about bullying going on other than one incident the student representative provided me with. I was not provided with any other big incident to show that this is a big issue in their school. Which is good but not having frequent contact with the student representative has been hard. For next month's report I will be having a better look of things and getting the right contact I need to finish and turn in a professional report for the school board.

Anaktuvuk Pass has had their student council report to me and answer my questions. Their teacher input it to the student council head, Mr. Torres. They have been discussing everything I ask in their student council meetings. Many mental health things were spoken of and talked about. Every student council member who has been attending the meeting has given their input on the questions I had asked Mr. Torres. From the information that I have been provided with they are doing a great job. The student council are planning on volunteering for their community by shoveling, going grocery shopping, along with picking up mail for the people who cannot do so.

For Kaktovik we have been talking about how the school burning down has been affecting the children and teachers of Kaktovik. I did ask Mr. Lancaster to answer my questions for teacher input. Those questions were later turned into a survey for the teachers of Kaktovik's school. I still have not received any update on those answers. For the student part I had asked the 2 student representatives if we should continue to focus on how the community has been affected by the school burning down. 3 weeks later I am still not provided with an answer nor any input on what they would like to do.

Thank you for listening to my report, have a great afternoon.

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