

Student Representative Report December

Alak School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

Feel free to include other concerns as well!

- Vandalism
- Mental health
- Cyberbullying
- Students want more assemblies/presentations done at Alak School
- Students want more activities! They mentioned wanting to bring back pep rallies because they haven't done one in so long.
- Students mentioned 9-12 not having an Inupiaq class. The students said it was very frustrating to not have an ILT class, because they want to be able to learn their language and other cultural aspects in school – but do not have the opportunity to do so.
- A lot of students want to be challenged in their academics! Students feel that the work is too easy and when a few students are not understanding the work, everyone is held back too.

2. Celebrations/Successes

- Had volleyball home games for middle schoolers last week!
- A lot of students have high honor-roll and honor-roll!
- Student council is planning on putting positive affirmations around Alak School to help boost student morale!

Kali School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

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- Students want more activities/extracurriculars!
- Want to make their school livelier, asked about getting more artwork throughout their school!

2. Celebrations/Successes

- Basketball has begun last week!
- Will be having home games this week!

Nuiqsut Trapper School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

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- Students would like to see Nuiqsut Trapper School be stricter about who goes onto their gym floor with certain shoes – students are noticing the gym floor becoming dirty easily, etc.

- More activities! Students mentioned wanting an art program!
- More assemblies
- Mental health is a big issue among students. Students noticed that a lot of students don't feel supported/are too scared to speak out and get help.
- Students feel that a lot of the schoolwork is easy, and are wanting to be challenged!

2. Celebrations/Successes

- Students wanted to highlight how everyone supports each other at Nuiqsut Trapper School!
- Have a pretty big student council – 11 members!
- Student council has been planning various events such as movie nights and dances!

Meade River School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

Feel free to include other concerns as well!

- More traveling opportunities for students!
- More activities!

2. Celebrations/Successes

- Have a lot of participation in sports!
- Student council is planning prom!
- Student council has been fundraising and selling food at their student store!
- Students are planning to fundraise for middle school sport travel expenses.

Harold Kaveolook School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

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- Students mention wanting to have more opportunities to learn life skills.
- Not having a gym has been very difficult for students.
- More after school activities, such as teen nights!

2. Celebrations/Successes

- Christmas door decorating contest!
- Students have been doing volunteer/service work! One student mentioned helping getting the younger kids home, another mentioned shoveling outside near the preschool classrooms and another student mentioned helping decorate the community center for the Thanksgiving feast!
- Students mentioned really appreciating their chef!

Tikigaq School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

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- Students mentioned wanting to work on attendance, especially tardiness – a lot of students said that students are just not showing up for school.

3. Celebrations/Successes

- Golden ticket reward program was started by students!
- Student council is now able to serve coffee to the upperclassmen in the mornings!
- Got approved to host more dances!

Barrow High School

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school?

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- Attendance
- Getting an ILT class!
- Improving the building – there are a lot of areas within the school that students are not able to access/utilize.
- Vape detectors in bathrooms!
- More clubs/extracurriculars, such as drama club, chess club, dance, etc.!

3. Celebrations/Successes

- Sobriety Club!
- Student council has hosted a pep rally, spirit week, and Winter Formal dance this month!
- BHS wrestling team is off at regionals and will be heading to state!
- Basketball season has begun!

Kiita Learning Community

1. Celebrations/successes

- Kiita's student council is continuing to fundraise for their Close-Up trip in Washington D.C!
- Kiita is hosting an Awards Luncheon on December 16th at 12pm for parents, guardians and families to attend!
- Had a Thanksgiving Luncheon on 11/23 where the cooking class made ham, unaaliq stir fry, salad, ice cream, fudge and cookies!
- Student council provided babysitting services for Ilisagvik College on December 3rd!
- Student council also hosted a spirit week during the week of December 5th!

Fred Ipalook Elementary School

IPK has elected their student council members and are hosting a holiday spirit week this week! I am working with their student council advisor Lynette Hepa to plan a day where I can attend their student council meeting and talk with the students at the start of next semester!

Eben Hopson Middle School

I had the opportunity to attend an HMS student council meeting, where I got to speak with their awesome student council about their concerns, as well as some of their celebrations/successes happening at Eben Hopson Middle School.

1. What do you want to see more of in your school/change in your school? Feel free to include other concerns as well!
 - More cultural activities
 - Dress code – When a student is dress coded, they begin to feel uncomfortable in clothing they were never originally bothered by. Students mentioned that dress codes can also further student’s insecurities, and that they noticed it is only staff who are bothered by their outfit choices, not fellow students.
 - Better utilizing time outside for students to do stuff during summer and early fall
 - Making lessons more relatable for students!
 - Preventive measures for students disrespecting school supplies
 - Lastly, I spoke with the HMS student council about bullying and other types of shaming and remarks. Students mentioned that they often hear discriminatory (micro aggressive remarks, body-shaming, homophobia, etc) comments made by other students that are often just dismissed as a “joke” (*students provided examples for me.)

2. Celebrations/Successes
 - HMS’ student council celebrated Eben Hopson’s birthday by making 300 cupcakes for all HMS students!
 - HMS student council has a position in student council specifically for cultural affairs!
 - Student council has begun peer tutoring!
 - Are really working towards prioritizing celebrating cultures at HMS!
 - This student council is an excellent group of students who have bigger goals and plans for their student council than just planning events. Their concerns extend the walls of HMS and wish to do bigger things! I truly applaud them for all their hard work, and how motivated this group of students are.