

May 2019 – End of School Year

A list of questions were sent out to all of the School Liaisons to complete as an end of year questionnaire. Two were received, one from Barrow High School and Tikiġaq School.

The questions and answers from the Senior Class sent by Edith Spear are as follows:

What do you plan to do after high school?

Eighteen students answered, thirteen students decided on college. Of those thirteen, six answered to attend the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Five students answered with pursuing work, other options, and unsure.

Do you feel prepared for what you want to do after high school? Explain.

Eighteen students answered, seven said yes and seven said no. The remaining answered unsure due to circumstances led by their own, partly but unsure as to why not, and classes that were made to help with “life after high school” were not as effective as it should be.

What advice would you give students who are coming into high school?

Eighteen students answered with a majority speaking to procrastination, focusing in the class, and doing the work in each class. They were consistent in staying focused, especially in freshman year as it would relate to the following years in high school. The grading system had been criticized in general, however, it may be best looked into for the personal finance class being broadened/improved.

The survey is included.

For the Tikiġaq School, a report was sent in by Nichole Hank. She focused asking the students on their opinions and ideas regarding school improvement, education, and career goals. The main concern is the low level of academics as frustrating as its seen every year attended. There are those that struggle with the work, however, those that can are not satisfied. For the students struggling, this is mainly due to the lack of teachers available to accurately teach the subjects. This may also effect their motivation in school and the recurring theme of depression. Science and math are the main concerns for subjects due to the teacher shortage. This has led to many students not feeling prepared for college or any effort made after high school. There are classes that bring joy to students and those are shop class, English, Iñupiaq classes, sewing, and drumming. The OJT program in the school is also enjoyable as well as great for experience in upcoming graduates.