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To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Stephen Fink
Re: School Counselors Report

The counseling team at LPSD is excited to be up and running for the fall.

These past few weeks have been focused on meeting with each of the high schoolers one-on-one to review their progress toward graduation, as well as their goals and options after graduation. A lot of our juniors and seniors are wrapping up their graduation minimum requirements, so we have been working with CTE, AVTEC, and the Alaska Advantage program to offer them opportunities in higher education. Some students are now able to take college classes, ground school, or various forms of vocational training because of these partnerships. We both feel extremely lucky to be able to offer these amazing opportunities to our students, and we are working with Jenny and Zach from BBRCTE to expand these opportunities.

Recently, we sent out study plans for juniors who are planning on taking the PSAT in October, as well as students across the district planning on taking the ACT in December. Similarly, we have given juniors and seniors access to our updated scholarship list. This is an extremely valuable, easy-to-use resource for students who are planning on going to college.

We have also started using our elementary curriculum, Everyday Speech, in classrooms at our home sites. This consists of brief, practical lessons about social and emotional learning that includes videos, games, and role playing.

Stephen will be traveling south to make three site visits next week, and both of us will be attending the cross-country regional meet next weekend in Port Alsworth. A speaker from South Central Foundation is scheduled to give a suicide prevention presentation to the students there.

Some news about our students: LPSD had as many as sixteen highschoolers get accepted into the first week of CTE classes. These students will spend a

week in Naknek and Dillingham learning trade skills such as welding, construction, fisheries technician, and culinary arts. Congratulations to our students who will be representing LPSD next week.

That is our update from the counseling team. Thank you for your continued support. Feel free to reach out to us for further questions, concerns or feedback.

Thanks.