

Vision: We grow self directed, life-long learners who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities.



Mission: We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships and implementing culturally responsive, place based education.

Date: June 18, 2025
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report: June 19, 2025

Dates & Happenings:

- BBRCTE Setnet Camp: Pilot Point, June 16-20, 2025
- BBRCTE Alaska Airlines Internship, Anchorage, July 14 - August 1, 2025
- 2025-2026 School Calendar:
 - ◆ 1st day for students, Welcome back! Wednesday, September 3, 2025

LPSD & ANSEP 2025!

Nickoli, Mackenzie Love	IGI
Sinyon, Olivia Ellen	IGI
Mike, Riley Gregory	KHK
Myers, Avery Alexander James	LEV
Lester, Florence Joann Harriet	NEW
Lester, Phillip Silas	NEW
Rychnovsky, Kylie	NEW
Trefon, Katherine Irene	NEW
Van Dusen, Sterling Anthony	NON
Matson-Phillips, Hailey Irene	PTH
Neketa, Brenda Lee	PTH
Kosbruk, Avery Leah Marie	PVL
Kosbruk, Sallena Janet	PVL



Another successful ANSEP session took place in May thanks to the support of Bristol Bay Foundation funding the travel for 13 students. Thank you to LPSD Chaperones, Mr. McArthur, Mrs. Barthelman, and Ms. Broschious.



BBRCTE Executive Director & Governing Board 2025-2026

The BBRCTE Governing Board determined a hiring committee for the new BBRCTE Executive Director and the recommendation for hire was Ms. Jenny Shryock. The Governing Board accepted the recommendation for hire and we are honored to be onboarding Ms. Shryock! Jenny has been a part of BBRCTE since she was a student at Bristol Bay School in Naknek where she continues to reside and serve the community as a member of the Borough Assembly and supporting her family aviation business. There were 6 great candidates who applied for the position, four of those were BBRCTE current or former employees.

Current BBRCTE Governing Board Members:

Kay Andrews, Governing Board Chair, SWRSD Board Member/Chair

Rebecca Hamon, BBBSD Board Member

Heather Savo, DLCSD Board Member

Beth Hill, LPSD Board Member

Audra Finkenbinder, Superintendent, SWRSD

Kasie Luke, Superintendent, LPSD

Amy Brower, (outgoing) Superintendent, DLCSD (incoming interim Superintendent July 1 to be announced Monday, June 23)

Shannon Harvilla (outgoing) Superintendent, BBBSD (incoming Superintendent July 1 is Michael Robbins)

2025 Governing Board Director hiring Committee:

Kay Andrews, Governing Board Chair

Rebecca Hamon

Heather Savo

Audra Finkenbinder

Kasie Luke

Alaska Legislative Session Update: Education Funding

Since our last meeting in May, the Governor vetoed \$51M in K-12 education funding for the State, which meant that of the \$700 BSA increase put forth by the legislature in HB57, \$200 of the \$700 was cut. This leaves Alaska Public Schools with a \$500 BSA increase, which is \$180 less than what we received in one time funding last year (FY25 budget included \$680 one time funding).

In April 2025, LPSD School Board adopted an anticipated budget for the 2025-2026 school year with an anticipated State increase of \$680 (matching at least what we received in one time funding during the 2024-2025 school year). This budget adoption left us with a deficit of \$439,781.00. With additional cuts to the State's contribution for the year ahead, LPSD is anticipating a deficit of \$632,971.00.

The Legislature would need 45 votes to override the funding reduction, and whether they can accomplish this veto is unclear. The vote is not likely to happen until January 2026 when the legislature reconvenes.

Governor Dunleavy's vetoes also included \$25M for school major maintenance projects, which reduces the number of funded projects from 9 to the top 3. LPSD was number 9 on this list and will no longer be considered for State funding.

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(continued) Alaska Legislative Session Update: Education Funding

July 1, 2025 the following go into action with HB57 which has been outline for LPSD by the District's Law Office: Sedor, Wendlandt, Evans & Filippi.

- \$500 increase to the BSA (predictable funding increase, not one time funding)
- Per pupil rates for transportation (AS 14.09.010(a): 10% increase
- CTE instruction factor shifting with incremental increase to ADM (AS 14.17.420(a)
- Reading proficiency incentive grant program (AS 14.30.773)
- Requirement to adopt policy setting target average class sizes by grade and to include K-12 annual class size reporting to DEED (AS 14.03.065, 14.03.120(g)
- Requirement to adopt a cell phone policy (AS 14.33.300)
- Requirement to allow a charter school application to be submitted at any time during a school year for the following school year and will require local school boards to announce the deadline for submitting an application for establishment of a charter school for the following school year (AS 14.03.250(a). Even school districts that do not currently have any charter schools need to review their charter school application procedures to ensure compliance with the new law.

LPSD Food Service Update *same information as May 2025 except what is *added in italics**

USDA/National School Lunch Program: Nondalton, Perryville, Chignik Lake and Levelock anticipate continue participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) utilizing USDA foods for the 2025-2026 school year based on their feedback and current available funds submitted to their individual accounts in January 2025. After assessing the remaining balance of funds in each of these accounts, these communities can anticipate having enough funds through at least the 2025-2026 school and for some, beyond. LPSD will maintain communication with these communities regarding their food service balance at the start of the year, on a quarterly basis or as needed.

Chignik Lagoon is evaluating if they can financially support the NSLP/USDA for the 2025-2026 school year. *LPSD is including them in the NSLP anticipated participants list so they do not miss out on the opportunity, the deadline is June 30. However if they decide not to participate in the NSLP we will take them off of the list.*

Community Supported Food Service: Kokhanok, Port Heiden, Igiugig, Newhalen/Iliamna, and Port Alsworth will continue to provide food for students through combined efforts within their community(ies).

The attached letter was sent to the tribal/community contacts list I have on Friday, May 9, 2025 indicating a clear understanding of maintaining cooks for sites that are funding the NSLP/USDA program or providing food through collaborative effort in their community through a withdrawal from the endowment fund for the 2025-2026 school year.



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May 9, 2025

Dear Community Members, Tribes, Cities, and Supportive Entities,

I am writing about the continued food service program shifts within the Lake and Peninsula School District (LPSD). Continuing for the 2025-2026 school year, the district, through the use of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Endowment monies, will continue to provide the cook position for each school where the community is choosing to fund and feed students or who are financing their National School Lunch/USDA Program participation. The potential, projected withdrawal from the Borough's endowment in May 2026 to cover cooks for the 2025-2026 school year is estimated at \$330,000.00.

LPSD continues to be open to your creative processes and working through the implementation together. Your partnership is not just important; it's vital in helping to maintain a food service program. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to navigate these necessary changes with us and your ability to problem-solve alongside the district. We thank you for your ongoing support of our students.

LPSD has faced financial challenges for several years, especially in running our food service program. Despite our efforts, we have yet to receive increased funding from the Alaska Department of Education, while food service costs (and all operations costs) have risen.

We believe in the power of partnerships and collaboration. By working together, we can continue nourishing our students and fulfilling our mission of creating culturally responsive, place-based educational experiences. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are deeply grateful for your understanding, cooperation, and all you do to partner with us in supporting our students. Your support is invaluable, and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

Kasie Luke
Superintendent
Lake and Peninsula School District

Chignik Bay • Chignik Lagoon • Chignik Lake • Igiugig • Kokhanok • Levelock
Newhalen • Nondalton • Perryville • Pilot Point • Port Alsworth • Port Heiden