



Date: April 15, 2024  
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board  
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent  
Re: Report, April 18, 2024

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### **Front Burner Dates & Happenings:**

- SNAP Meet (Science, Native Youth Olympics, Academics & Prom Meet) is in Newhalen April 15-19
- School Board In-Person Meeting, April 18 - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Work Session + Meeting
- Tanalian School Graduation: April 21
- BBRCTE Magna Award Celebration - Clarion Suites, Anchorage Saturday, April 20 5-6:30 PM
- Kokhanok School Graduation: April 24, 2024
- NYO State - Anchorage, April 25 - 27, 2024
- Meshik School Graduation, April 27
- BBRCTE Intensive Week: April 27 - May 3, 2024 - Naknek, Dillingham & Anchorage
- Final Day for Students: May 2, 2024
- Final Day for Teachers & Staff: May 3, 2024

## 2023-2024 Lake and Peninsula School District Spring Graduates!

### *Perryville Eagles* 🎓

Devin Kosbruk

Sharlise Yagie

### *Chignik Lagoon Wolverines* 🎓

Arianna Anderson

Etelani Tupuola

### *Newhalen Malamutes* 🎓

Lianna Anelon

Ian Anelon

Jacklyn Wonhola

Anne Moses

Angela Anelon

### *Nondalton Warriors* 🎓

Gwendolyn Aaburg

Tava Kosbruk

### *Lake View Homeschool* 🎓

DJ Schraffenberger

(will walk with Meshik Wolves)

### *Kokhanok Warlords* 🎓

Joshua Newyaka

Emily Andrew

### *Meshik Wolves* 🎓

Adam Tunguing

Adin Greichen

Ian Kosbruk

### *Tanalian Lynx* 🎓

Corbyn Ziegler

Chandler Sharpless

Brielle Lorentzen

### **Looking Ahead...**

With our State and district's financial futures in question, it would be easy to become stagnant and simply wait for what is going to happen next. However, we have been on an incredible upward journey and we still have a long way to go. Our staff and students continue to push forward and we as a governing body and administration have to figure out a way to support them while making difficult decisions. Looking towards next year we are making plans to keep providing in the best interest of students, yet we are evaluating cost saving measures as presented in today's work session.

### **School Based Mental Health Grant**

In partnership with Dillingham City School District, LPSD has secured a grant through 2028 in support of mental health resources and professional development opportunities for educators across the District. We will maintain Kacy Lou Leyba, as a .75 school counselor who is based in Port Alsworth and we are bringing on, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Elisabeth Ludwig as the LPSD Social Worker located in Newhalen. Through .5 BBRCTE funding and .5 LPSD funding, we will maintain a Career Development Specialist position, Patricia McCasland will be with us also in support of students and staff. We received positive feedback from anonymous individuals at Meshik School and from a veteran teacher - Mrs. Katie Zimmerman regarding the support that Mrs. Denali Smith provided this past year as the School Counseling intern.

### **C3: Creating Cultural Competence in the Bristol Bay Region**

We are fortunate to have a partnership with the Alaska Humanities Forum through the C3 Program that supports aware, compassionate and resilient cultural identity in teachers. It supports a whole-teacher approach to professional development using a head - heart - hand model to guide the design and facilitation. The program provides a strong foundation upon which community connection and culturally responsive teaching practices can be built.

### **BBRCTE - Magna Award & Celebration**

April 20, 2024 from 5-6:30 PM at the Clarion Suites, Anchorage, you are all welcome to attend the BBRCTE Magna Award Celebration. BBRCTE received this award as a first for Alaska for our creativity in educational innovation and problem solving. We are so proud of this program and the direction it continues to go. Although primarily grant funded right now, Mr. Zach Stenson and team are consistently seeking more reliable, on-going funding sources. Recently BBRCTE supported setnet camp program in Pilot Point was highlighted in the May 2024 Alaska Magazine! In the year ahead, BBRCTE courses will be fewer, yet still as robust - a plan is being made now as they too are feeling the squeeze of budget constraints.

### **Intent to Enroll - 2024-2025**

Spring of each year, we send out Intent to Enroll forms to each community with potentially less than 15 students enrolled. This spring the only community schools that were close to 15 students or below was Levelock and Chignik Lagoon. So far, we are encouraged that both Levelock and Chignik Lagoon will begin the school year with 10 or more students and ideally maintain those numbers through the October count period.

### **Staffing: Certified and Classified**

We are working through an audit for all staffing in LPSD - ensuring our aide hours are appropriate with the shifts in student enrollment at each school and maintaining two teacher small school sites, at about a 10:1 ratio of students to teacher. We have very nearly found all of our teaching staff for the 2024-2025 school year - with only a few openings left.