

Date: October 7th, 2021
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Stephen Fink and Tim Welch
Re: School Counseling Report

Things are getting going for the counseling team as we are heading into October. As we mentioned last month, we have started meeting with the 10-12 grade students in the district via Zoom (Stephen has been meeting in person with Newhalen students). We are about half way through meeting with all of the students and are compiling a list of needs that we can start to address on a continuing basis.

Our Counseling site within the District's page is continuing to be updated with resources for students and parents, and short Mental Health tips/exercise videos that they can access anytime. We are also setting up a helpdesk email server that we teachers and parents can use to contact us directly.

We have also been starting the process of preparing for the ACT, PSAT and SAT tests that we can help facilitate to upper classmen in the various school sites. Testing can start as early as November (there are many options for testing dates), and we are working with sites to see what interest there are for these tests.

Here is some exciting news regarding Tim: today (Thursday) Tim is hopping on a plane to fly up here from Idaho to make site visits starting at Port Heiden and heading south from there. We are very excited to get some more boots on the ground as Tim will be able to meet with students face to face (not just on Zoom) and provide in person counseling to these sites.