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Kasie Luke, Superintendent
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Superintendent Luke,

This letter is in response to the Lake and Peninsula School District's request for approval of the district's current "subsistence calendar" in perpetuity.

While the number of instructional hours in the district's current calendar would remain above the minimums noted in AS 14.03.030(3), and knowing the district's subsistence calendar has been successful for many years, the Department of Education and Early Development's will approve an extension of the calendar but not in perpetuity. In order to allow for continued review and success of Lake and Peninsula's subsistence calendar, I am approving an extension for five years.

Continuing to improve student achievement while respecting community ownership of schools aligns to two of the State Board of Education and Early Development's strategic priorities. We look forward to hearing more about the outcomes of Lake and Peninsula School District's modified calendar.

Please submit an amended calendar with dates and time adjustments in the online calendaring system. Brendan Verbrugge (Brendan.verbrugge@alaska.gov) is available if you need assistance.

If there is any way the Department can support you in your efforts please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heidi Teshner".

Heidi Teshner
Acting Commissioner

cc: Susan McKenzie, Director, Division of Innovation and Education Excellence
Brendan Verbrugge, Research Analyst