



## LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT



Date: October 6, 2017  
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board  
From: Ty Mase  
Re: Superintendent's Report – October 2017

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**Tutors:** With our PEAK scores coming in lower than anticipated and last Spring's teacher recruiting being a challenge, we budgeted for eight (8) instructional tutors for the Spring of 2018. Pat Manning and myself will head out next week on a whirlwind tour hitting close to ten universities. We hope to fill all of our positions with candidates that are serious about staying and making a career in LPSD. We are also looking at close to a half dozen student teachers this spring from UA and MT.

**Experiencing Out:** With our new calendar we hope to give more credit to our students for rich and meaningful life experiences. We have obtained some great materials from NSBSD and are excited to begin compiling some of our own. To begin with, we are looking at credit for commercial fishing and cultural activities that take part in the summer months.

**Play Grounds:** Unfortunately, during a Stop Loss Inspection by APEI (Alaska Public Entity Insurance) the Pilot Point, Port Heiden and Chignik Lake playgrounds were identified as unsafe for our children and were recommended to be torn down. While the cost of tearing down and disposing of three playgrounds is enough in and of itself, we are faced with trying to find funds to purchase and install new equipment. Rough estimates put a new playground (nothing fancy) at around \$60,000 shipped and installed (x3 = \$180,000).

**Pedro Bay School:** The Borough Manager, Nathan Hill, has been working with Pedro Bay (Corporation and Village Council) trying to devise a plan for village use of the school building. It is likely that the district will be asked to sub-lease the Pedro Bay School in the near future (action item). Again, the Borough is taking the lead with these negotiations since they "own" the school.

**Grants:** After a dry spell, this Fall was very good to us when it comes to Federal grants. We were awarded a Subsistence Calendar Grant, which will support summer activities in all of our villages as well as enhance some of the cultural experience-based options for our students.

The CHILD grant is in partnership with Chugach and will pay for our preschool program for the next four (4) years! This will allow LPSD to, as promised, contribute to the Preschool

Endowment Fund created by the Borough. If the Borough continues to contribute, along with LPSD, we should have over one million dollars in this fund by the end of the grant period. This will sustain preschool for the better part of a decade!

**Student Safety and Well Being:** Our resolution on student safety has been submitted to AASB. You should also see Student and Staff Safety as a reporting topic on site reports. Lastly, our writing prompt committee will be looking at revamping junior and senior prompts to focus on Student Safety and Well-Being with multiple topics identified by the Board.