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Student Representative

## Monthly Reports

### August:

Good afternoon my name is Trishelle Okpik. I am one of the two student representatives for the NSB School Board. This is also my second term as student representative which is exciting on my part! My report will be on the following schools: Harold Kaveolook School, Tikigaaq School, Nuiqsut Trapper School, Eben Hopson Middle School, and Kiita. Once again I still plan on sticking to mental health. Growing up on the North Slope is very challenging, many children have to face different things. School should be a safe place for every child to be able to just breathe. Every month I will send out surveys to my schools. Due to the start of the school year I did not send out a monthly survey. So for this month I will be reporting on how the start of the school year went for all of my schools.

### **Nuiqsut Trapper School:**

Trapper School started off the year with a very successful open house allowing students and families to come meet their teachers and get ready for the school year. All involved were surprised with our new look when they entered the building to see our old plain walls now painted bright yellow and green to represent our school colors. These changes were part of a collaboration with Conoco Philips bringing employees in to participate in a Day of Caring, where they not only painted but helped with various projects across the school to get us up and running for the new school year. The first two weeks of school also brought about many changes as our 6th graders joined the middle school and our 3rd through 5th graders started changing classes and teachers throughout the day as well.

This year we look forward to getting back to normal and having sports and activities that will bring our students, staff and community even closer. We have plans to host family nights, academic programs, and open the school to as many opportunities as possible.

### **Tikigaaq School:**

Tikigaaq School is currently forming their student council. Once the Student Council is formed a student will be appointed to be the student liaison. At that time a method of communication will be determined and will be reported back to Chelsie and Trishelle.

### **Eben Hopson Middle School:**

Hopson Middle School has had a positive and good start to the 2021-22 school year. Despite many challenges with the Covid-19 pandemic, students are able to attend school every day and enjoy the benefits of in-person learning with their teachers and classmates. Activities such as football and cross country are currently going on and there has been very high student participation. HMS had their Open House on August 17 with an excellent turnout of families from all grades. Safety will continue to be at the top of the school's priority. Wearing masks for ALL people in the school is mandatory, with no exceptions. Frequent hand-washing and use of hand sanitizer has also been a strong message from the staff to the students. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their student's health and any Covid-19-related symptoms. There have been some isolated positive cases thus far at HMS. When this happens we will ask that grade to be quarantined for 10 days. Again, safety of our staff and students will remain the top priority.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on September 21 and September 22. We plan on offering both an in-person option and a remote Zoom option. More information will be forthcoming as we move closer to those dates. Our first Measures for Academic Progress (MAP) tests will start after Labor Day. This will give the teachers valuable information to see where students are in mathematics, language arts and science.

As always, we appreciate the support from all of the parents of our wonderful students. Helping us keep the students and community safe takes a true team effort, and the parents are a huge part of that team. We encourage parents to contact the school if they have any questions or concerns.

**Harold Kaveolook School:**

**Kiita:**

A student who attended Kiita tested positive for COVID. The school went into red status, during the break a week's worth of work was given to each student to work on. Kiita returned back to school on August 31st.