

The Gift of HOPE: For Out of Region Travel

Whereas, the State of Alaska shut down all schools in the state in March 2020 while our leaders took several weeks to assess the COVID-19 situation;

Whereas, the State of Alaska, after their initial assessment, gave local control back to school districts so they could make decisions that best fit their people, their geographic location, their particular situation, and their sickness levels;

Whereas, Lake & Peninsula School District gave local control back to each school and community to make Site-Specific Smart Start School Plans to best fit their people and situations and sickness levels;

Whereas, Alaska statistics show that Alaska ranks #2 of 51 states in suicide (27.1/100,000)¹, that Alaskan high school students are more likely to seriously consider suicide (25.3%), make a plan for suicide (21.6%), and actually attempt suicide 1 or more times in the last 12 months (19.7% = 19,700/100,000) than other high school students in the U.S.², that the leading causes of death for 15-19 year olds in the U.S. are accidents, suicide, and homicide at the rate of 51.5/100,000³, and that Alaska COVID-19 mortality rates are currently the lowest in the nation (6/100,000)⁴... all ages.

Whereas, Alaska had the second highest age-adjusted suicide rate in the nation in 2016 at 25.3 deaths per 100,000. In 2018 the suicide rate among all Alaskans was 24.6 deaths per 100,000; the rate among Alaska Native people was 41.2 deaths per 100,000. Alaska's suicide rates continued to be the highest among males, young adults (15-34 year olds), American Indian/Alaska Native people, and persons living in the rural regions of the state. Residents in Northern and Southwest Alaska are at significantly higher risk for suicide⁵.

Whereas, sports and activities are a significant source of hope, purpose, character development, leadership growth, and community service for young people and their communities;

Whereas, all of this year's qualifying seniors (and last year's seniors) have already had their trip to state basketball and NYO and SNAP Meet taken from them;

Whereas, the Alaska State Activities Association (ASAA) board, made up of principals and athletic directors who have decades of experience and compassion for children, are determined for the good of children to offer state championships in every sport in 2020-21;

Whereas, ASAA is already planning to drastically improve safety, including limiting the number of participants and eliminating spectators, and many other precautions (see asaa.org);

Whereas, LPSD Activities Director Ed Lester has additional safety protocols in place for LPSD student-athletes, including masks, no restaurants, no grocery stores, no theaters, or other gatherings; also including LPSD-separate travel and housing and limiting total LPSD cross-country running travel to Anchorage to 2 boys, 2 girls, and 2 adults;

Whereas, there are numerous solutions to safely re-enter students back to their homes, villages, and schools;

Whereas, LPSD has Always Offered high quality opportunities in academics, sports, CTE, and other programs;

Whereas, LPSD has Never Required participation or travel of any kind. (For example, it is our long tradition in LPSD that any student or parent or staff member can decide at any time for any reason that they do not want to get on an airplane, but LPSD makes the offer, anyway, without ever pressuring students, parents, or staff to participate);

Therefore, be it resolved that LPSD offer home control back to families to make decisions that best fit their children and locations and situations; to allow qualifying athletes to travel out of region for sporting opportunities, if the adults most immediate in their lives (their parents/guardians) give written permission to LPSD for the children to do so (as has always been the case in LPSD).

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1 <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/rankings-and-ratings/us-states-ranked-by-suicide-rate-121119.html>

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2 <https://nccd.cdc.gov/Youthonline/App/Results.aspx?TT=G&OUT=0&SID=HS&QID=QQ&LID=AK&YID=2019&LID2=XX&YID2=2019&COL=T&ROW1=N&ROW2=N&HT=QQ&LCT=LL&FS=51&FR=R1&FG=G1&FA=A1&FI=I1&FP=P1&FSL=S1&FRL=R1&FGL=G1&FAL=A1&FIL=I1&FPL=P1&PV=&TST=True&C1=AK2019&C2=XX2019&QP=G&DP=1&VA=CI&CS=Y&SYID=&EYID=&SC=DEFAULT&SO=ASC&PF=1>

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3 <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/adolescent-health.htm>

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4 <https://www.clevelandfed.org/newsroom-and-events/publications/cfed-district-data-briefs/cfddb-20200513-covid19-mortality-rate-trends-series.aspx>

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- | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SIGNATURE</u> |
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| 1. Jacque Wilder | Jacque Wilder |
| 2. Kent Williams | Kent Williams |
| 3. Malca Voran | Malca Voran |
| 4. Brandy Voran | Brandy Voran |
| 5. Christy Zimmema | Christy Zimmema |
| 6. Glen Alworth, Sr | Glen Alworth, Sr |
| 7. Dan Wilder | Dave Wilder |
| 8. Alexa Chertkov | Alexa Chertkov |
| 9. Eric R. Opland | Eric R. Opland |
| 10. Jake Fries | Jake Fries |
| 11. Alicia Fries | Alicia Fries |
| 12. Dany Lorentan | Dany Lorentan |
| 13. Laura Wilder | Laura Wilder |
| 14. ERIC WARDELL | Eric Warde |
| 15. Sarah Wardell | Sarah Wardell - would like to see more than 90 students |
| 16. Cassandra Leyba | Cassandra Leyba |
| 17. Menda Fowler | Menda Fowler |
| 18. Leo Fowler | Leo Fowler |
| 19. Katie McGee | Kathryn McGee |
| 20. Riley Morigean | Riley Morigean |
| 21. Chantel Shappless | Chantel Shappless |
| 22. Anna Gudenko | Anna Gudenko |
| 23. Kette Fowler | Kette Fowler |
| 24. Olena Andrushek | Olena Andrushek |
| Lyle Wilder | Lyle Wilder |

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| 1. Ully Lehya Akworth | Ully |
| 2. Emily Toff | Emily Toff |
| 3. Nicole Smith | Nicole Smith |
| 4. Sonnet Smith | Sonnet Smith |
| 5. Brandey Voran | Brandey Voran |
| 6. Eric Dauter | Eric Dauter |
| 7. Alianna Voran | Alianna Voran |
| 8. Nezzie Fowle | Nezzie Fowle |
| 9. Caleb Akworth | Caleb Akworth |
| 10. Kaiden Fowler | Kaiden Fowler |
| 11. Eliah Wardell | Eliah Wardell |
| 12. Luke Wegner | Luke Wegner |
| 13. Elsha Wegner | Elsha Wegner |
| 14. He'di Wilder | He'di Wilder |
| 15. Jesse McKel | Jesse McKel |
| 16. Corlan Van | Corlan Van |
| 17. Matthew Goseman | Matthew Goseman |
| 18. Patti Brock | Patti Brock |
| 19. BRANDEN HUMMA | Branden Humma |
| 20. Lisa Rivac | Lisa Rivac |
| 21. Andrea McGee | Andrea McGee |
| 22. Cole Betts | Cole Betts |
| 23. Janine Denver | Janine Denver |
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| 1. Salina Alsworth | |
| 2. Rachel Rudolph | |
| 3. JEFF DUCK | |
| 4. Jean Alsworth | |
| 5. Benjamín Jammer | |
| 6. Daniel Fitzpatrick | |
| 7. Benjamin Dunn | |
| 8. Dennis Fowler | |
| 9. Chassy Stelling | |
| 10. Alison M. Smith | |
| 11. Jared Peterson | |
| 12. Laddy N. Elliott | |
| 13. Glenda J. Elliott | |
| 14. JAY DAILEY | |
| 15. Sandy Lang | |
| 16. MARK LANG | |
| 17. Corrine Ledford | |
| 18. Samer Kasayulic | |
| 19. Isaac Fowler | |
| 20. Lexie Wolfson | |
| 21. Emma Alsworth | |
| 22. Daniel Wardell | |
| 23. Brielle Lorentzen | |
| 24. Aiyana Lorentzen
Kjersti Overksen | |

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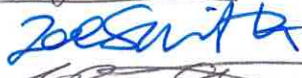

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