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To: LPSD School Board

From: Stephen Fink on behalf of the LPSD Counseling Team

Regarding: March/ April Counseling Report

The month of March has been full of travel for the counseling team. Kacy traveled to Igiugig and Nondalton to make site visits, as well as to provide staff with required crisis prevention training. Stephen, after returning from paternity leave, visited both Port Alsworth and Perryville for site visits. Many of our communities experienced loss and hardship this month, but despite that, we have witnessed our students coming together with love and support. We really do have some resilient students, and it is an honor to work with them.

We recently came into some grant money that we plan on using to support teachers across the district. Right now we are waiting on the results of a survey we sent to teachers asking them what materials would be helpful to have in their classrooms. Once the results are in we'll be able to send a variety of mental-health-focused materials across the district.

Coming up is our annual SNAP Meet. We have some opportunities we are looking forward to providing our students with during that event. Stephen will be leading a session on graduation goals, highlighting the requirements of graduating with an honors diploma, college-ready, and career-ready. We'll also be hosting a career fair with guest speakers from all over the state to talk to our students about different careers. We'll have guests representing the medical field, law enforcement, military, carpentry, heavy equipment, aviation, and more. We will also be providing students with a chance to take the ASVAB test, a requirement for anyone interested in a military career. And lastly, Kacy will be hosting the ceremony for students newly inducted into the National Honor Society. We are very excited to be able to provide these opportunities for our secondary students.

After the SNAP meet we have some travel scheduled, Kacy plans to visit Nondalton again and Stephen will visit Port Heiden. Students from three different sites will be taking their turn at the ACT test: Newhalen, Igiugig, and Chignik Lagoon; at the end of the month. We ran into some challenges with the ACT this year, but thankfully everyone who wanted to take it eventually got the opportunity.

And to end with some more good news it looks like LPSD will have a total of eighteen graduates this year from seven different schools. This represents a lot of resiliency and hard work from our students hoping to enter society as productive citizens. A big thank you to all of the teachers and staff who made this possible.

Best regards,
Stephen Fink