

## Public Comments to the Board Received through the LPSD Website

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

**Commentor's Village**

PTH

**Comment:**

Dear School Board Members, I'm writing to the school board to encourage the need for a second counselor during next school year. Ms. Denali was my counselor this year and she was helpful She helped me with with work I was behind in and in turn put less on my plate as a student. Unfortunately, her internship ended in April and she is not returning next year. One counselor is not enough for the school district's 10 schools. Please consider hiring a second counselor to support our students' mental health needs.

**Email**

**Phone**

**Commentor's Name**

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Port Heiden

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Dear School Board, I'm writing to express my gratitude that the counseling team was able to bring on Denali Manning as counseling intern this school year, and for the board to support hiring a second counselor next school year. Ms. Denali worked with 8 students here at Meshik and her work with all students was an invaluable support. She developed such a great rapport with students and helped break down the stigma that working with a counselor can have. I have seen how her work has impacted my students in such a positive way. They are happy to meet with her and feel supported having another adult to come to for help and support. Ms. Denali finished up her internship at the end of March and her presence is greatly missed. We were told that she would not be returning next school year. Please consider hiring a second counselor for the 2024-2025 school year. Our students' mental health is a worthy investment.

**Email**

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Katie Zimmerman

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I'm writing the board to address an issue that has been ongoing at Meshik School this year. With the budget cuts to the meal program, keeping the kitchen consistently stocked with food has been an ongoing issue. Our cook and village has had to supply food and ingredients many times, just to make sure our students have a healthy lunch. This issue has been brought to admin time and time again but nothing has changed. There have been times where the shelves are basically empty. At one point, we had no bread, no tortillas/burrito shells, no cheese, no flour, very little fresh produce, not enough frozen meat to feed everyone and barely any canned food. Staff and our principal were told "oh the order is in, it's coming". But it still took weeks to get the full order in. There needs to be better accountability with site and district admin to ensure that this is not happening. Our kids deserve to have a fulfilling and healthy lunch, and we should not have to rely on staff and the village to make this happen.

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I am a student in LPSD. Ms. Denali was my counselor this year and she was great. She helped me by having someone to talk to. One counselor is not enough to cover the needs of 10 schools. Please consider hiring a second counselor to support our students needs.

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