



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Lake and Peninsula School Board

From: Tim McDermott

Re: Maintenance Report

February and half of March have flown by. With just about a month and a half of the operational school year remaining, the Maintenance Department is holding its own being somewhat conservative and concentrating resources towards assessment in anticipation of upcoming facility needs. You can read between the lines on these issues, but basically without knowing yet if there will be adequate enrollment at several of the sites, and what staffing will look like, it is difficult to make hard plans for the summer. In the interim, this department is providing operational support to the sites through communication with the principals and head teachers during the remainder of the school term and anticipating the supervised effort of summer cleaning and light maintenance to be executed with mostly local hire after the schools close for the summer. Traveling Maintenance personnel time this past month was spent mostly on issues related to wastewater at the Igiugig and Kokhanok Schools. Carl Adams spent 4 days at Nondalton, eight days at Igiugig, and 6 days at Kokhanok. Marc Gibbs spent 12 days at Igiugig and 2 days at Levelock. The effluent lift station at Kokhanok required a total rebuild. At Igiugig, after maintenance of that lift station and elimination of any deficiencies, it was determined that the village distribution infrastructure needs maintenance and repair. This problem is being addressed in cooperation with the Village of Igiugig.

North Star Fire Protection completed the yearly fire sprinkler, alarm, and fire extinguisher inspection at Port Alsworth and is scheduled to complete the rest of the District during the week of March 20 -24. This inspection along with the yearly Self Inspections, and the Safe Schools training reports will be completed in time for submission to our insurance company to satisfy compliance and qualify for available credits. Energy data continues to be cumulated and organized in preparation for the 5 year DEED audit this next fiscal year. Training continues in the areas of Safe Schools and water testing proficiency and awareness. New AED's are being scoped for Districtwide replacement. Additionally, Maintenance in King Salmon supports the logistics of mail and freight, receiving and shipment of food service, custodial, educational, CTE materials and personnel, and the coming and goings at the District Office.

In the short run, operationally, the facilities are functioning. In the longer term, it is apparent that School District facilities are affected by the same dynamics as the villages and region as a whole. Workforce is increasingly difficult to train and/or recruit. Maintenance is constantly on the alert for potential workers and services. The assets are aging and require assessment, planning, upgrades, and in some cases replacement. Navigation of the CIP process is cumbersome, inefficient, and requires dedicated, collective effort and communication. Expense is exponential. For the time being, as previously stated, we are holding steady. The future will depend on a timely combination of definition, direction, experience, and communication.

As always, the Maintenance Department is available by email, phone call, and text. Requests for maintenance are received best at the email address, maintenance@lpsd.com with as much information as possible including photographs and make/model numbers. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and communication.