



## THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Bristol Bay Borough School Board, Superintendent, Staff, Students, and Parents:

On behalf of Lake and Peninsula School District, we want to express our apologies for our last-minute withdrawal from the 2021 Sockeye Conference Cross-Country Running Meet hosted by Bristol Bay. We value our partnership with Bristol Bay Borough School District and regret the unfortunate circumstances with Covid-19 that caused this situation.

We understand and appreciate all the hard work that Paula Singley, the staff, coach, runners, and volunteers have already put into this event. We understand the excitement that hosting a regional event brings to the whole school and community. Bristol Bay has an incredible track record of putting forth great efforts and hosting many excellent, hospitable events throughout the year.

When we found out on Monday that many of our athletes would not be able to attend due to their inability to test, we were suddenly faced with an impossible dilemma: how to honor our friends at Bristol Bay and at the same time create a situation where our student-athletes could run at a conference meet. We considered many scenarios, but in the end the best decision seemed to be to host an additional conference meet so that all students at BBBSD and LPSD would have a chance to run and to qualify for State.

We understand in these difficult times that community leaders are often faced with impossible dilemmas and have to make decisions based on what is believed best for their community.

We look forward to a continued strong friendship with all at BBBSD and look forward to working together on future events and will strive for improved communication.

Nate Davis, Athletic Director

Ed Lester, Activities Director