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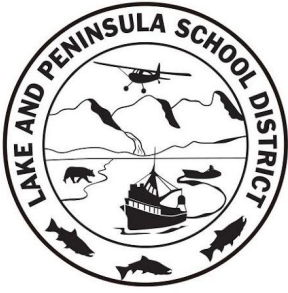
To: LPSD School Board Members

From: Bill Cornell- Director of Personnel

Re: December Personnel Report

Updates:

- We continue to work in partnership with BBRCTE, regional districts, and UAA to develop a teacher internship program as well as foster conversations with current classified staff in regards to pursuing teaching credentials. Thank you to Mr. Steve Noonkesser for his efforts on this front.
- Ms. Nicole Metzgar and I traveled to New York and Pennsylvania to recruit student teachers, tutors, and teachers with longtime university partners from State University of New York (SUNY), Kutztown University, and Commonwealth University. Our student teacher and tutoring program continues to be discussed on a number of fronts, and is something to celebrate. Thank you for your support in fostering university partnerships, as they are a direct funnel to recruiting quality educators. Please see below for a few pictures from our travels.
- We will be welcoming a large group of individuals to LPSD to support students for the spring semester, including student teachers, tutors, and teachers. Welcome to:
 - ◆ Julia Colucci- Elementary teacher in Port Heiden for the spring semester. Ms. Colucci student taught with Ms. Zimmerman this fall
 - ◆ Kendall Ogle- Secondary Generalist in Igiugig. Although new to teaching in Igiugig, Ms. Ogle has worked for the village of Igiugig in the past
 - ◆ Ed Rettmann- Secondary Generalist in Levelock for the spring semester. Mr. Rettmann is a recent grad of West Chester University
 - ◆ Kathy Touring- Elementary and Head Teacher in Levelock for the spring semester. Ms. Touring taught in Florida, but most recently graduated with her M.Ed from West Chester University
 - ◆ Melissa Tucker- Elementary teacher in Nondalton for the spring semester, and a professor on sabbatical leave from Boyce College.
 - ◆ Faith Woodcock- SUNY grad and Tutor in Nondalton. Faith student taught with Gabby Cruz this fall
 - ◆ MacArthur Ratliff- SUNY grad and Tutor in Chignik Lake
 - ◆ Gabrielle Calhoon- Kutztown University grad and Tutor in Kokhanok
 - ◆ Elizabeth Standera- SUNY grad and Tutor in Newhalen
 - ◆ Augustine Valentino- SUNY student teacher in Port Heiden with Katie Zimmerman



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- ◆ Abigail Plouse- Mansfield/Commonwealth University student teacher in Chignik Lagoon with Sara Erickson
- ◆ McKenzie Morris- Mansfield/Commonwealth University student teacher in Igiugig with Stephanie Canning and Gabby Cruz

Contract Adjustments:

- FY 24 and FY25 contracts, contract adjustments, salary schedule movement are outlined on the Personnel Approval List. The FY25 contracts will not be issued until after 01/01/2024.

Recruitment:

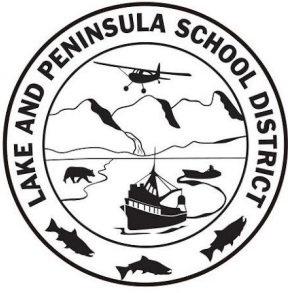
- We are currently fully staffed for the spring semester, but do have general 2024-2025 Elementary and Secondary Generalist positions posted on our website. The hope is that interested individuals will be able to apply and show interest now, for the 2024-2025 school year. With teacher shortages nationwide, we are hoping to get a jumpstart on spring recruiting.



A few parting photos....

Dr. Chris Wilkens...former teacher in Juneau and now Associate Chair and Professor at SUNY Brockport. Dr. Wilkens runs a robust student teacher program, bringing many student teachers into a number of Alaska school districts. LPSD is fortunate to have SUNY and Dr. Wilkens as a partner.

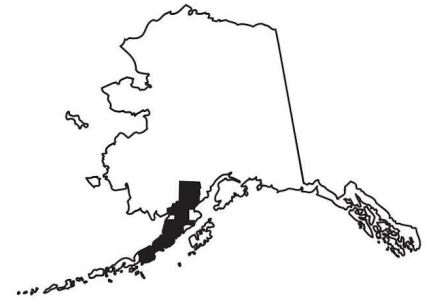
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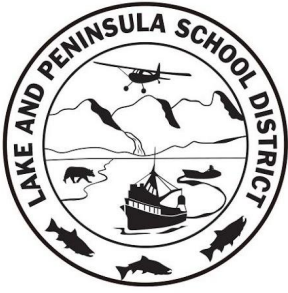


Dr. Sherry Griggs, Commonwealth University (Mansfield and Lock Haven) Director of Educational Field Experiences & Teacher Certification; and, Ms. Beth McClure, Administrative Assistant. Ms. McClure has a long history with LPSD, having worked with many Mansfield alumni who became LPSD employees! Thank you for your years of dedication, Ms. McClure.

Dr. Kristen Bazley- Kutztown University Associate Professor. Dr. Bazley was instrumental in partnering with LPSD to get the Tutoring Program up and running in 2009. We continue to partner with Kutztown, and Dr. Bazley, through our online and in person tutoring programs. We have also had a number of Kutztown University student teachers over the years.



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Presenting to SUNY Brockport students. We were able to present to about 300 university students during our recruiting trip, and met with about 30 faculty and professors.

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