



LPSD SHINING STARS, FEBRUARY 2023



NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Clifford Phillips	Perryville	Clifford has had perfect attendance for the entire year so far! His dedication to his studies and furthering his education is truly admirable and has allowed him to progress tremendously in his levels. This has also set a great example for his younger siblings who look up to him and regard him as a role model. I'm so impressed with the progress Clifford has made this year and grateful that I get to teach him every day!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Beth Hill	Kokhanok	Beth epitomizes what all School Board members should be: she is kind, supportive, and motivational. Every interaction I've had with her has been a positive one and I always look forward to seeing her. She has reached out to share kind words quite frequently and this has helped me feel motivated to keep going and appreciated for the work I do. It's encouraging to know that School Board members see what's happening in our schools and understand all it takes to make it happen. Thank you, Beth!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Stephen Fink	Newhalen	Although Stephen hasn't made it to Perryville yet this year, I've felt supported by him from a distance. Whether it was applying for college courses or registering for the ACT, he's made sure my students and I had everything we needed to get it done. He also stepped up to be the male chaperone for our class trip when we couldn't find anyone else who was available. He always gets back to me quickly when I need something and reaches out frequently to check in. We're so lucky to have Stephen as our counselor and look forward to seeing him more often this semester!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Katharine Smith	Palmer	Katharine has done SO much work helping us to get ready for the Educators Rising conference! She has booked and rebooked travel, organized schedules, and checked in regularly throughout the process. Not only has she had to be very flexible with changing information, she's done it with a smile and never complained. We are taking 14 students to Fairbanks and this trip would not have been possible without Katharine's support. We are SO grateful to have her on our team!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Kumi Rattenbury	Anchorage	Kumi has been a huge help this year with the Child Find hearing and vision screenings. She has traveled with me to several sites and has stepped in to complete screenings at a couple sites where I haven't been able to make it due to travel complications. Her nursing background contributes added depth when communicating the purpose and specifics of the screenings with students, teachers, and families. Thank you, Kumi, for sharing your time, energy, and expertise with our communities! We are so grateful for your partnership.	Becca Stenson, Educational Resource Coordinator