



## THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Lake and Peninsula School Board  
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### **Re: Maintenance Report**

As you know this Co-vid pandemic and all that goes with it has derailed conventional Maintenance support of the sites. The Maintenance Department as it stands this year consists of Carl Adams and myself, loosely supported by the site custodians and an array of temporary hire when available. Travel restrictions vary from village to village and so then does the nature of response. There is no road map for this but I feel that as long as the lines are open we can get through this in a manner that displays the character of LPSD as a whole.

As a reminder, Requests for Maintenance are fielded at the email address [maintenance@lpsd.com](mailto:maintenance@lpsd.com) and tracked through the Manager Plus program. Every effort is made to answer these requests within 24 hours or less. It is constantly reinforced that my cell phone is available anytime.

Quite a bit of time and effort has been put into supplying and educating staff in personal protective equipment and disinfection procedures. Our challenge is to remain diligent in our front line disinfection procedures and the basic protocol of distancing, masks, and hand soap/sanitizer. The custodians and staff constantly using the spray and wipe method of disinfectant during the operational day followed by additional cleaning and disinfecting after school is the best insurance against the spread of this virus in our facilities and communities. Feedback on the quality and quantity of necessary supply is essential and an effort is being made to effectively communicate levels of stock on hand and project future needs to ensure that supplies do not run short at the sites.

Districtwide fire sprinkler and alarm system inspections that involved physical visits to the sites were completed without incident following a clean-up trip to Perryville and Port Heiden. The LPSD internet provider has also been executing a districtwide upgrade of the hardware and software that requires a physical presence at the sites. As a result of communication and cooperation between the villages and schools, both of these efforts are examples of necessary maintenance being performed without angst to the staff and communities and without putting anyone at risk. The Maintenance Department has gone to length making certain that the village entities make the requests for school housing use incidental to school operations. This assures that everyone understands the nature of the visits and helps reduce unnecessary explanation or apprehension.

I do not want to over use this, however I hear the elementary teachers telling the small children, encouraging them, “use your words”. That is exactly what we have to rely on, our words, and I encourage communication, respect, and understanding.