

**Vision:** We grow self directed, life-long learners who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities.



**Mission:** We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships and implementing culturally responsive, place based education.

Date: January 21, 2025  
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board  
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent  
Re: Report: January 23, 2025

---

**Dates & Happenings:**

- Basketball Season! ASAA schools (Newhalen & Port Alsworth) are competing regionally through booster and 2 LPSD funded tournaments, and our mix-3 small schools teams travel to Newhalen, January 22-24 for a Skills Jamboree.
- All LPSD Teachers have inservice days Friday, January 24 & Monday, January 27 - No School For Students.
- Battle of the Books! Hosted virtually and is by volunteer participation of schools - February, 3 - 6, 2025
- Chignik Lake will host the 3-man, small schools District Tournament February 18 - 20, 2025

## Better Together: Partnerships Cont.

### **Bristol Bay Foundation / IVC / LPSD / BBBSD: Grants**

- TC2H: Teaching Culture, Honoring Heritage - dedicated language programming, dance classes, career counseling, and support for students through healing informed practices.
  - ◆ Community Coordinator job posting currently for Pilot Point, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Perryville, Port Heiden and Chignik Lake via [www.lpsd.com](http://www.lpsd.com) - employment.
- BUBBLE: Building Bristol Bay Language Education - dedicated to dance classes, book publishing, development of language courses and teacher language training and summit.

## Celebrations and High Notes

**Congratulations to Tanalian Lynx for earning the Mix-Six State Volleyball title in 2024!**



**Enrollment:** LPSD has not dropped a significant amount as we have 320 PK-12 students during the 2024-2025 school year so far (FY23 we had 326, FY24 we had 325) based on October count. We have maintained 10 active community school sites throughout this year and there are students enrolled in our Lake View Homeschool. We are keeping a close eye on Levelock as they are our smallest school right now with currently 7 students enrolled. We are hearing students are making transitions within the district and there has been an increase of students a couple of our schools since the October count for which we are keeping an eye on staffing for the duration of the school year.

### **Food Service Update**

We continue to monitor to understand our community's challenges with the transition of LPSD supported food service program (USDA National School Lunch Program - NSLP) to locally supported food programs.

The communities of *Nondalton, Chignik Lake, Perryville, and Levelock* are all continuing to participate in the USDA NSLP January through April, 2025. These communities used village funds, or COVID monies needing spent, or from other tribal resources to fund their program. LPSD will continue to employ a cook, order food, provide menus and record keeping to ensure this program continues.

*Newhalen/Iliamna, Port Alsworth, Kokhanok, Port Heiden, and Igiugig* communities are providing food through a variety of resources and LPSD is continuing to fund their cook position January - April, 2025.

*Chignik Lagoon* - families will provide food for their students, no cook is necessary to be employed January - April 2025.

Principals have been communicated with to carry conversations with LSAC, parents, and community to plan for the continuation of a locally supported food service program for the 2025-2026 school year as planning for next year begins.

In the months ahead we will visit the projection of budget for the end of the 2024-2025 school year with a goal to begin focusing on putting in front of the board considerations regarding LPSD's finances, projected deficit and any updates on anticipated increase of funding throughout this legislative session.

## 34th Legislative Session

LPSD is leaning into being present at both AASB (Association of School Boards) and ACSA (Alaska Council of School Administrators) Fly-In events in Juneau during spring 2025. The AASB event takes place February 8-11, 2025 and the ACSA event will take place March 28-April 2, 2025. There isn't a specific timeframe that is anticipated right now to be better than other timeframes for visiting the Capital for our communities advocacy efforts. If tribal entities or individuals are interested in heading to Juneau, local voices are the most valuable to be heard either in person or over the phone.

During the AASB event, LPSD partners with our BBRCTE consortium of school districts to visit legislators as a team of school boards, utilizing to the best of our ability local voices to thank those in the Alaska Legislature who support adequate funding for public education and to educate through facts and stories of how the current funding does not support maintaining programs and staffing for students across Alaska.

Legislative Priorities: [AASB Priorities](#) & [ACSA Joint Position Statements](#)

In real time, you can sign up for updates happenings regarding Education and the State Legislative actions through ACSA by texting **PUBLIC EDUCATION to 52886**.

There seems to be a lot of great momentum towards another Legislative Session of legislative support for and increase in public education funding inside of the Base Student Allocation (BSA), however the challenge, as we've experienced in the past is if the Governor supports what the Legislators put forth. Last legislative session, the [Governor vetoed an increase in public education funding](#) without a successful override.

AFN put forth a Resolution 24-11 focused on "priority funding for public education to ensure timely, reliable, and predictable funding for alaska schools, educators, and students" [Resolutions Here](#) if any tribe or entity would like to follow their lead.