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To: Board of Education, Lake and Peninsula School District
From: Marjorie Waggoner, SPED Director (Contractor)
RE: Special Education Report December, 2024
Special Education Team Update

Since November, our team has been deeply engaged in responsibilities vital to the success of our students and families. While these activities may not always appear newsworthy, they are the foundation of our commitment to meeting student needs and ensuring compliance with state and federal guidelines.

Key Focus Areas

- **Meeting IEP Deadlines:**
The team has worked tirelessly to review and complete Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) on time, demonstrating their dedication to personalized student growth and regulatory compliance.
- **Conducting ESERs:**
Educational assessments and evaluations (ESERs) have been prioritized to identify student needs and adjust services for optimal support.
- **Instructional Support:**
Beyond administrative tasks, the team has focused on teaching students and providing on-site support to staff, impacting daily interactions and collaborations with general education teachers.
- **Collaborating with Parents and Guardians:**
The team has maintained open communication with parents, ensuring they are active participants in their child's educational journey.

Recognizing the Team

The success of our Special Education program stems from the dedication of our team members, who serve multiple communities with skill and compassion:

- **Paulene Manning:** Supporting Igiugig and Levelock with care and efficiency.
- **Jean Barbour:** Delivering consistent, high-quality instruction in Perryville.
- **James Barthelman:** Providing individualized support in Newhalen.
- **Nancy Anderson:** Maintaining strong communication in Chignik Lagoon.
- **Kitza Durkop:** Managing services across Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake, and Port Heiden.
- **Rick Rohlman and Tracey Thomas:** Collaborating seamlessly in Nondalton.

As we close the fall semester, the work of this team forms the backbone of our program. Moving forward, we aim to enhance services, strengthen community partnerships, and prioritize professional development. Thank you for supporting the essential contributions of our Special Education team. Their hard work and dedication deserve our full acknowledgment and appreciation.