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Student Representative  
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Good afternoon, my name is Trishelle Okpik and I am one of the 2 student representatives for the NSB School Board. For the month of October I did not send a survey out to my schools due to wanting to educate myself more on mental health with the National Indian Education Association sessions to help guide me in a direction for my surveys. For this month I asked my schools for a report on how their school has been doing within this past month.

#### Eben Hopson Middle School

Hopson Middle School has been back to full in-person learning for the last two weeks. As we start the second quarter of the year, we are excited to be offering our students a full academic schedule and after-school activities. Wrestling, Battle of the Books, Volleyball, Student Counsel, and after school tutoring are all up and running to full capacity. The school is also focusing on three main areas for all our students this year. They are leadership, social-emotional health, and academics. With these three areas, our students can attain more skills to be successful at both high school and beyond.

#### Nuiqsut Trapper School

What a month? October started in red and our students continued to participate in zoom classes as well as complete work that was delivered to each home. Many students returned to work and had the opportunity to be entered into a drawing for an AC gift card. As mid October approached, we were finally able to return to school for a week. During this time Trappers made the week count. Students completed testing, art projects, missing work, and lots of socializing to make up for lost time. Our volleyball players even began practicing for the current season. Unfortunately, at the end of the week we returned to red status. Despite this, work packets have gone out, Halloween treats have been delivered and zoom is back up and running again. We look forward to being back to green at the beginning of November so Trappers can continue to shine in person.

#### Kiita

Kiita has had a very successful 1st quarter. Overall students earned 62 credits, most being from regular classes and a mixture of credit recovery. Kiita is almost full, reaching 36 students. There are currently 12 students on the Honor Roll. Currently the passing rate is 87%. Kiita has finally got a new SPED teacher, her name is Cheryl Heitman. Kiita is back to cooking their own lunches on Fridays. Last week Agviq stir fry was made, the week before that the cooking class made Aluutagaq (Tuttu stew).

#### Harold Kaveolook School

Snow on the ground and the sound of snow machines in the village signals the end of the first quarter. Parent Teacher Conferences will be Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Marie will be calling parents to schedule conferences. Please remember to wear a mask for conferences. Masks will be available at the front door. Quarter 1 report cards will be distributed at conferences. Congratulations to JD Tikluk, Edwin Solomon, Janette Killbear and Coach Weaver for competing in the State of Alaska Cross Country Running Championships. They represented our community and school with great pride and sportsmanship.

In the October 5<sup>th</sup> elections, two seats for our local School Advisory Committee (SAC) were contested. Seat 2 was filled by Ann Washburn and seat 3 was filled by Alicia Solomon. Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them. Our next SAC meeting will be Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

We have many after school-programs going on now including: Varsity Volleyball, Battle of the Books, Middle School Robotics and After School Tutoring. Transportation home will be provided for after school tutoring ending at 4:30. Please see the table below for specific days and times of the after-school programs. The kindergarten and first grade Battle of the Books practice will be announced shortly.

The classrooms are currently participating in a door-decorating contest from now until October 29. The winning class will be rewarded with an ice cream party.

I would also like to thank the parents and the community for helping us keep the school safe by keeping students home when they are sick and following the village's testing and quarantine procedures when there are travelers in the home. Your attention to safety protocols is helping keep the school open and running for our children. Thank You!!!!!!!

Meade River School

Tikigaq School