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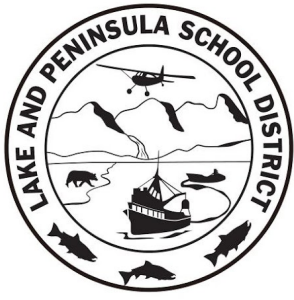
Re: Special Education Report

October District Inservice

All of our special education teachers attended the District Inservice at Alyeska in person, October 19, 20, and 21. It was wonderful to network with the sped team. The special education teachers were trained by Vince Henry, our school psychologist, on the administration of the WIAT IV assessment. This is a newer version of the achievement assessment than we have used in the past to determine eligibility and has some improvements that will be appreciated by the assessment team for each eligibility assessment.

I had the opportunity to train the entire staff of LPSD and BBBSD in understanding disproportionality. LPSD was found disproportionate in the number of Native Alaskan and Native American students who were found eligible for special education services in the category of Speech and Language Impairment. BBBSD was found at risk for being disproportionate. This presentation was part of the corrective action required because of the disproportionate determination by the state for LPSD. The focus was on respecting the language of our Native American and Alaska Native students whose speech may be different but is not a disability and being aware and understanding of each aspect. If students truly have a disability we will certainly provide them with the speech and language services through special education. If our students have a difference in their language patterns that is typical in their particular village and/or culture, we want to respect that difference.

I was grateful for the opportunity to sit down with individual special education teachers to answer their questions and help them with any challenges they are working through in serving their students. I have to report that we have a very strong team of special education teachers in LPSD! I also want to commend Paulene Manning for her support to our special education program in many capacities.



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State Monitoring

This year (as it does every 5 years) DEED monitored Lake and Peninsula special education records or their compliance to special education law. I am very proud to report that we had 4 very minor findings during this monitoring that required corrective action. We have a plan in place and will have the corrective action plan completed and evidence sent to DEED before winter break (although it isn't due until April 20!). I am really proud of the fine and accurate work our special education teachers do on the legally required documents in addition to the exceptional teaching they do each school day with their students.

Fall Oasis

I am working with our registrar on the special education part of the Oasis Report for the State count that is due November 11th. I will report on special education student counts in the next report.