

## THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent,

You will soon be receiving the results of the new PEAKS Assessment that was administered last spring to each student in grades 3-10. You will receive your child's results in Math, Language Arts, and Science, plus an explanation guide for your review.

PEAKS is a newly developed assessment that sets high expectations for Alaskan students. While the educational system in LPSD remains one of high quality, the way we are now being evaluated has changed drastically, i.e, the rigor has increased. To put it bluntly, we are not happy with our overall test scores and the fact that many of our academically sound students did not perform well on this assessment. While we don't believe the PEAKS assessment is a true reflection of who we are, we are making no excuses. We are not satisfied with our scores and there is much work to do. This is work your school district and teachers are ready and excited to engage in.

On the bright side, last year was our base year and we have no place to go but up. I can guarantee you that we will do everything in our power to get these scores up to where we know they should be! Please join us in supporting LPSD's students, teachers, and schools as we implement our new calendar and push for greater student achievement. Without a doubt, parent/guardian participation will be key to our success!

Please speak with your school's principal, or give me a call, if you have questions or concerns regarding the assessment.

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