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Date: April 5, 2021
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Bill Cornell- Curriculum Director
Re: April Curriculum Report

Professional Development

As we quickly move towards the end of the schoolyear, we working on planning professional development events for next year. A few notes on each event:

- Katmai Inservice- We shared with the District COVID Task Force a draft mitigation plan for bringing in teachers to our August Inservice at Katmai Lodge. With teachers coming in from various places, it is good that we are starting the conversation now to be able to communicate with communities and have a plan in place. We have asked principals to bring their LSACs together in August, before Katmai Inservice, to have a plan for each site for returning from inservice. This event will be August 30- September 3, with a focus on new programs and literacy, perhaps with a little fishing on the Alagnak mixed in...
- November Inservice- With limited dates at Alyeska Resort in October, we had to shift our fall inservice dates to November 3-5, 8.
- January Inservice- We are looking at a tentative Literacy Retreat on January 3-5. This is in the beginning stages of being planned, and will provide more information as things unfold.

Curriculum

I have been meeting with Mrs. Cornell and Ms. Metzgar discussing the transition duties in the year to come. I have to say, it is amazing the knowledge that both Kate and Nicole bring to the table. Their knowledge of the Standards Based System, and of the District as a whole will allow for continued leadership, as well as fresh ideas. It will be interesting to see where they take us in the Curriculum realm in the years to come!

End of Year Wrap-up- Although students can take End of Levels at any time of the year once they show proficiency on standards, we do see a lot of students taking them towards the end of the year. This year is no different. There are a lot of students passing levels and working hard to be in a good place before the end of the year. Although there have been a couple bumps in the way of technology and formatting in getting our web-based assessments rolling, I can see more flexibility with them in the future.

Outschool- Our initial reports from teachers point toward a number of successes, and a variety of classes being taken. With a number of things this year, Internet access at home has been a limiting factor;



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however, a number of students and parents have indicated that they are looking forward to using the program during the summer months. The variety of Outschool classes being taken from school is pretty amazing, and it is my hope that Outschool will allow our students access to enrichment activities that otherwise would not be possible.

Distance Classes

Distance classes wrapped up their synchronous sessions for the year on April 2. Throughout April, Ms. Nikolaus, and Mr. Meneskie will be offering Reteach and Enrichment sessions for distance students. This will provide the opportunity for students who need extra help in wrapping up their level, or students who are wanting to work ahead to receive extra help.

As always, feel free to contact me at 571-1211, or via email at bcornell@lpsd.com, if you have any curriculum related questions.