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Student Representative
May Report

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Description

I sent out an “End of the Year” survey to all 11 sites, asking students the following questions, in order to get a better idea as to what students think will improve their school for the upcoming school years:

- 1) *What are some things you enjoyed about this school year? (Ex: activities, curriculum, school events, etc.)*
- 2) *What are some things that could've been better this school year?*
- 3) *What change would you like to see in YOUR school for the 2022-2023 school year?*
- 4) *Name something that helped you learn successfully this school year.*
- 5) *Name something that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.*
- 6) *Is there anything else you'd like to share about your school?*
- 7) *May is Teacher's Appreciation Month! Our teachers do so much for us, so please leave a positive comment to express gratitude for your teachers on the North Slope!*

Survey Responses

Kiita Learning Community

Students from Kiita said that encouragement from staff, taking first aid and CPR classes and being able to sew with Ilisagvik College, cooking for the school on Fridays, going to Ilisagvik's gym for P.E and just school in general were some things they enjoyed about this school year. When asked about things that could've been better this school year, students replied saying that they would've liked to not have to worry about turning in work last minute and better lunch. Next school year, students said they would like to see better attitudes and more student involvement. When asked what helped them learn successfully, students mentioned one on one help from teachers, involvement in the classrooms and just overall help and support from teachers.

One of the comments a student left to show appreciation for their teachers was: “Thank you so much to our teachers: Alice Sage, Jen Brower, Pamella Simpson and Kern Wilson for being on our behinds to keep us caught up and on track. Also, for their extra time they put in to help us out. Also, to our front desk lady, Laura Simmonds for making sure we were at school and in our classes on time. Last, but not least thank you to Geoffrey, our principal for providing everything with this school and awesome teacher.”

Barrow High School

Students from Barrow High School said that they enjoyed every sports season, having the opportunity to travel for sports, all the fun nights, music production class, pep rallies, the dances and just being back in school in person. When asked what could've been better this school year, students mentioned drug abuse in school, school property being vandalized, attendance declining and students often coming into class tardy. When asked what change they'd like to see at BHS for next school year, students asked for something to prevent students from using drugs or vapes at school during the day and better communication/advertising about opportunities that are available for students. Next, students said that the BHS teachers and staff played a big part in

helping them learn successfully this school year, by being available to help students whenever they need help. When asked what made it difficult for students to learn this school year, students mentioned other classmates being disruptive in the halls during class time.

One of the comments a student left to show appreciation for their teachers was: “I appreciate all the teachers here for coming to school and doing their best in making sure we get a good education. And to the few teachers who won’t be here next school year, we will miss you!”

Tikigaq School

Students from Tikigaq School said that they enjoyed basketball season, cross country, weightlifting class and having concerts this school year. When asked what could be better this school year students said “better education” “basketball season” and requested “more challenging work.” When asked what change they’d like to see for next school year, students replied with “No Saturday Gym List,” “people taking school seriously” and “more permanent teachers.” When asked what helped them learn successfully, students said not giving up and their teachers. When asked what made it difficult for them this school year, students replied saying that not having a biology or geometry teacher made it difficult for some to learn this school year. Lastly, when I asked if there was anything else they’d like to share, one student said “We need actual teachers, not subs!”

One of the comments a student left to show appreciation for their teachers was: “Thank you for everything you do for us! Nothing would be possible without you all!”

Fred Ipalook Elementary School

Students at Fred Ipalook Elementary School want more time for physical activity and art. A lot of the students mentioned wishing they have more art lessons, and not just drawing. Students noticed a lot of the items that are broken in their outside playground and graffiti as well. Next, students talked about the AK Star State test, describing it as new and weird compared to the other tests they had taken this school year. Next, students spoke highly of the incentives they do in their grade level, and being rewarded for good choices. They are bothered when the other students who do not make good choices and get reward times and want it to be fairer. Lastly, students said that they really enjoy school and are glad to be back in person.

Harold Kaveolook School

Students at Harold Kaveolook School said that they enjoyed basketball season, volleyball season, going on the lagoon with scientists, learning about the water, having the opportunity to travel for sports, coding, learning about history and field trips. When asked what change they’d like to see in their school for next school year, students asked for a gym, cooking class, better internet connection more student activities and having their school rebuilt. When asked what helped them learn successfully this school year, students said help from some teachers helped them. Next, students mentioned that having small classrooms made it difficult at times to learn.

One student’s comment to show appreciation for their teachers was: “I really appreciate my two teachers Ann and Lancaster, they’re the best, I really wish they weren’t leaving next year. The system needs more teachers like them.”

Alak School

Students from Alak School said that they enjoyed basketball season and science class this school year. Next year, students said they'd like to see better attendance and a bit longer lunch time. When asked what helped them learn successfully, students said that having the correct materials to use during class and coming to class regularly helped them. Lastly, students said that having to do online school made it difficult to learn.

One student's comment to show appreciation for their teachers was: "Thank you for taking your time to teach us."

Nuiqsut Trapper School

Students from Nuiqsut Trapper School said that they enjoyed school events, volleyball, P.E, science and health class and learning about North Slope history this school year. Students said that they'd like to see more activities out of school and in class, next school year. Next, students said that they were able to learn successfully due to help from their teachers. Lastly, students said that not coming to class/not paying attention is what makes it difficult to learn properly.

One student's comment to show appreciation for their teachers was: "I want to say thank you to all the teachers in Nuiqsut Trapper School for coming to school every day and being understanding of the students."