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Student Representative Report

Barrow High School – Utqiagvik

Barrow High School started school on August 12th while on green status. With 330 students enrolled this school year, there has been a large increase of the school's enrollment compared to the last 3-4 years. BHS has welcomed 4 new teachers this school year, two for science classes, one for art, and one for wood tech. With the beginning of school, not many student activities have begun, due to activity advisors still being needed. However, sports are up and running. Football has currently 25 students on its team, 11 participating in cross-country, and 23 students in volleyball. Students had been attending school regularly up until September 2nd, when students were sent home early due to COVID-19 cases.

Kali School – Point Lay

School in Point Lay began August 12th. Students start up each day with a morning meeting in the gym with the entire school. The pledge of allegiance is recited in both Inupiaq and English, then the principal gives some words of encouragement and announcements to begin the student's day. There were 7 days of school up and running for Kali School until they had to shut down and move to remote learning due to a positive case in town. On August 30th, students returned to school. No student activities have begun in Kali school yet.

Nunamiut School – Anaktuvuk Pass

Nunamiut School welcomed their new principal David Filby this school year. On August 2nd, Nunamiut School conducted teacher orientation for their three new teachers. School began August 12th, and entered red status on August 19th 2021. Learning packets were sent home for the students, and Nunamiut School has remained on red status, and continued on red status for the week of August 30th.

Fred Ipalook Elementary School – Utqiagvik

School began at Fred Ipalook Elementary School with high student engagement in classes, positive learning behavior, and overall, a great start to the school year. No student activities have begun as of yet and due to COVID-19 cases in the school, certain classes have been sent home to quarantine. As of September 2nd, all students were sent home for the rest of the week due to COVID cases.

Alak School – Wainwright

Students attending Alak School were not able to begin school on time due to contract work in the building not being completed. Students started school a week late, on August 19th, 2021. During the same week students started school, there were COVID-19 cases in Wainwright, which

resulted in distance learning to begin. Alak School went on red status, and has not changed since. Since the start of school, roughly 1/3 of COVID cases in Wainwright involved students of Alak School. Paper lessons and meals are delivered to students during breakfast and lunch times of the day for distance learning. Alak School's cross country program has gotten a slow start due to COVID conditions, students who lack physicals, and finding a coach to sponsor the program.

Student Representative Plans for 2021-2022 Term

As I brought up in my letter of interest, as a student representative this school year, my main goal is to work towards improving student's mental health across the North Slope District. Due to our schools being only a few weeks into the quarter, I was not able to receive feedback from our students regarding this issue, so I reported on how the first few weeks of school has been going for schools here in the North Slope. Moving forward, I will be working with students directly, whether it is sending surveys, google forms, or speaking in person, in order to converse and understand what each student at each school needs in order for their mental health to improve, and overall thrive in their education. Before my next report I'd like to send out surveys to our high school students and a few middle school students as well, asking what we can do moving forward in this pandemic, and these next few weeks coming up, for their mental health, and what has been done previously for their mental health that they think did not work, or could be changed.