



March 22, 2019

Dear Chignik Lake Parents, Community Members and Stakeholders,

I am sure that by now, most everyone has heard of the decision made during the March School Board meeting to close Chignik Lake School. While this decision is not the best news for the Lake, it does not mean that LPSD has thrown in the towel. It was decided that if there are *ten students* in the village on August 15th, we can look at opening the school for the October count period.

I wanted to take a moment to share with you some specifics, so you have the information needed to problem solve and plan for next year:

- Super seniors under the age of 20 can count towards your 10.
- Kindergarten students do count; however, students have to be age 5 by September 1, 2019 to qualify for Kindergarten.
- To open the school, we are asking for 10 eligible students to be **on the ground** in Chignik Lake on, or before, August 15.
- The District, while we want to help, cannot take part in supporting or recruiting students to Chignik Lake – this has to be Village initiated.
- The 10 students need to be enrolled and at site through the October count period, which is September 30 through October 25, 2019.
- Without ten students, LPSD will not receive any funding to operate Chignik Lake School and we will be forced to shut down operations.

These decisions are always the toughest that the Board and Administration have to make. I can speak for the Board when I say that we are all pulling for your village and hope that you have ten students next August.

In the meantime, if questions arise, please give me a call and I will do my best to answer them for you. The direct line at the district office is 246-8661.

Sincerely,

Ty Mase, Superintendent