

## May Student Representative Report

In April, I had sent out an end-of-the-year survey for students to fill out. My goal was to hear from students about how they think their schools could be improved for the upcoming school year. The questions asked in the survey were:

- 1) *What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?*
- 2) *What is something you'd like to change about your school?*
- 3) *What is something you'd like to add to your school?*
- 4) *Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.*
- 5) *Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.*
- 6) *Is there anything else you'd like to share with the school board?*

### Alak School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed basketball volleyball, dancing and attendance awards.

*What is something you'd like to change about your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like have more cultural activities, more shop class time, and more CTE activities.

*What is something you'd like to add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to add a cooking class, more after-school activities and study hall periods.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that help from teachers and support from peers helped them learn successfully this school year.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Students responded to this by saying not having adequate time to complete assignments, other students not being engaged in class discussions, and missing school made it difficult to learn this school year.

### Barrow High School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed having more extracurricular options this year, having band again, having pep rallies and school dances and having helpful staff.

*What is something you'd like to change about your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like for the infrastructure at BHS to be improved as some of the ceilings leak in classroom.

*What is something you'd like to add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to add a study hall period, more activities, different after-school clubs and academic clubs such as National Honors Society.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that support from peers and support from staff helped them learn successfully this year.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Students responded to this by saying that being in classes with students who were not as engaged as them made it difficult to learn this school year.

### Eben Hopson Middle School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed having activities both in school and after-school, the way the teachers taught this year (one student wrote "they were really fun and knew how to grab our attention"), and having activities like volleyball, wrestling and band.

*What is something you'd like to change about your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to change the way students treat each other, more decorations and artwork all throughout HMS and more school supplies (one student noted that there weren't enough pencils).

*What is something you'd like to add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to add new electives such as a cooking class, an after-school tutor class, having the library open for at least one day a week after-school for students and a longer lunch break.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that having teachers who made an effort to make sure that everyone in the classroom was getting helped allowed them to learn successfully this school year.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Students responded to this by saying not having a long enough passing period (students mentioned that having a longer passing period could allow them to properly refocus themselves for their next class), not being taught time management skills, leaving school/being out of town for a long period of time and having long-term subs in multiple classrooms made it difficult to learn this school year.

### Harold Kaveolook School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed having time to be outside during school, lunch, math class, after-school

activities, and a few students mentioned just enjoying being in class. One student mentioned enjoying being a teacher aide this school year.

*What is something you'd like to change about your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to have a gym soon, have more game nights and allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to travel for volleyball.

*What is something you'd like to add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to add a gaming room, a P.E class, a home ec class and a cooking class.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that studying after school, having support from peers and staff pushing students to reach their goals helped them learn successfully this school year.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that being absent from school for a period of time made it difficult to learn this school year.

#### Kiita Learning Community

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed going to Washington D.C, being able to catch up on credits, having field trips, cooking, participating in student council, shop class, volunteering and engaging with the community and all the help they receive from staff at Kiita were things they enjoyed this school year.

*What is something you'd like to change about/ add to your school?* One student wrote "Better Inupiaq classes (more traditional dancing)", another wrote "More art classes" another wrote that the building could be renovated, and another student wrote that they'd like a longer lunch.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students wrote that having one on one help from teachers and just receiving a lot of help and support from teachers helped them learn successfully.

#### Meade River School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed after school activities.

*What is something you'd like to change about/ add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to be able to go swimming and a longer lunch.

### Nuiqsut Trapper School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this by saying they enjoyed basketball, NYO, excel and going on school trips.

*What is something you'd like to change about/ add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like their gym to be renovated, more fresh vegetables and fruits during lunch, more after-school activities and programs, new playground equipment, more time with the counselor and having the pool open at their school.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that having activities like NYO and basketball motivated them to stay on top of their school work.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Students who filled out this survey had nothing for this question.

### Nunamiut School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this by saying they enjoyed the activities, P.E and science class, having time to be outside, Inupiaq class, doing fun experiments in science class, going on basketball trips, workouts in P.E class and having Fun Friday activities/games.

*What is something you'd like to change about your school?* Students responded to this why saying they want more activities (in and out of school), a longer lunch, water fountains in the gym (students mentioned that they need to be fixed) and not having enough teachers all throughout the school year.

*What is something you'd like to add to your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to add more workout classes, a cooking class, new basketball hoops and an art class.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that support from their parents, support from friends, more opportunities to speak/learn Inupiaq in school and help from teachers.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Students responded to this by saying struggling with anxiety and depression, being short of teachers and not having a principal for a while made it difficult.

### Tikigaaq School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed lock-ins, dances, art club, selling coffee, spirit weeks done by student

council, spending time in the weight room with friends, and basketball, volleyball, NYO, carpentry and welding.

*What is something you'd like to change about your school?* Students responded to this question by saying they'd like to sell drinks and snacks during lunch-time, changing the no gym list if you miss the whole school day policy, and lunch to be longer.

*What is something you'd like to add to your school?* Students responded to this by saying they'd like to add a cooking class and singing class, a bigger weight room and a vending machine.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that getting help from teachers and sports helped them learn successfully.

*Name one thing, or some things that made it difficult or hard for you to learn this school year.* Some students wrote that they didn't feel like they weren't getting enough help on assignment, others who filled out the survey said they had nothing to say for this question.

### Kali School

*What are some things you enjoyed about this school year?* Students responded to this question by saying they enjoyed volleyball season, hands-on science projects, student of the month parties, having helpful teachers, and celebrations.

*What is something you'd like to change about/ add to your school?* Students responded to these two questions by saying they'd like more local hiring, more field trips, Lego robotics for middle school students and an art class.

*Name one thing, or some things that helped you learn successfully this school year.* Students responded to this question by saying that help from teachers and peers allowed them to learn successfully.

### Alaska Association of Student Governments

Six delegates (Malachi Nelson, Mereah Dino, Pavena Keovilayhong and I) from Barrow High School and Frances Itta and Ronald Kippi Kingik from Meade River School) from our district attended the AASG conference in Skagway. I am happy to say that this was a very productive, fun and memorable conference! I was sworn in as Region 1 Representative on AASG's Executive Board and will serve in that position until the 2024 Spring Conference. Lastly, I would like to recognize both Frances Itta and Ronald Kippi Kingik from Meade River School. It was their first AASG conference, and despite their nervousness at first, they represented themselves, their school and their communities very well. Both of them engaged in debate often, were active, and engaged in the resolution process each time.

I spoke with Frances about her experience at AASG, and she wrote “I got more practice public speaking, which will help me in the future and it was super fun meeting more people! It was a great experience overall! I wish I learned about AASG sooner! Now I’m doing a presentation to show other students why being a part of student council is going to help us in the future!”