

Vision: We grow self directed, life-long learners who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities.



Mission: We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships and implementing culturally responsive, place based education.

Date: May 5, 2025
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report: May 8, 2025

Dates & Happenings:

- Friday, May 9, 2025 Final Day of School (2:00 PM dismissal)
- Saturday, May 10, 2025 Final Teacher Work Day
- Saturday, May 10, 2025 Chignik Lagoon Graduation @ 6:00 PM in Palmer
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Borough Assembly Meeting, Anchorage
- Wednesday, May 14 & Thursday, May 15 Principal End of Year Wrap Up in Anchorage

May 2025 End of Year Wrap Up / LPSD Goal Setting & Strategic Plan Review

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Saturday, May 10, 2025 Final Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Principals Travel to Anchorage

Wednesday, May 14 & 15, 2025 Principal End of Year Gathering / 2025-2026 Planning based on Board Goals & Strategic Plan

During our two days together next week, LPSD Principals and leadership will reflect on the “HOW” of LPSD by reviewing “WHY” from the you as the LPSD School Board regarding the four strategic planning focus areas and the goals the School Board have reviewed this past week.

***Student Focused Readiness
Supporting Staff
Culturally Relevant, Project and Place Based Learning
Building Partnerships***

We will review what we discussed in May 2024 regarding what to KEEP, GET RID OF, and IMPROVE in LPSD regarding programs and systems from the perspective of the admin team, will review the progress or lack of progress we made towards our goals and to focus on the following intensity targets as an administrative team over the past year:

1. Student Focused
2. Resource Accessibility
3. Increase Efficiencies
4. Teamwork
5. Communication

It will be valuable time spent to invest in the planning of how LPSD has stayed on track through our administrative team’s focus surrounding your guidance through the strategic plan and how we can look ahead at the 2025-2026 school year.

Alaska Legislative Session Update: Education Funding

Since our last meeting in April, the Governor vetoed HB 69 (\$1000 increase to the Base Student Allocation - BSA). There were not enough votes to override the veto, so the legislature went back to the drawing board.

Then, HB 57 was voted on by both House and Senate which included \$700 increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA)

- Charter School Reforms:
Allows year-round application submissions, lets districts set deadlines for the upcoming school year, shortens revocation response time from 90 to 45 days, and requires formal notice for non-renewals.
- Class Size Reporting:
Sets class size targets, requires annual reporting on school report card, and mandates justification for exceeding maximum class size guidance.
- Education Funding Task Force:
Creates a legislative task force to develop an open enrollment policy, analyze education funding and accountability for future policy work, and provide recommendations to the Legislature.
- Cell Phone Policy:
Replaces the statewide ban with local control, allowing each district to adopt its own policy.
- Pupil Transportation:
Provides a 10% increase in pupil transportation funding.
- Contingent Funding Measures (Tied to SB 113):
Includes increases to the CTE funding factor and grants for reading improvement, both dependent on new revenue from SB 113.

The governor has yet to veto HB 57 as of May 6, 2025.

LPSD Food Service Update

USDA/National School Lunch Program: Nondalton, Perryville, Chignik Lake and Levelock anticipate continue participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) utilizing USDA foods for the 2025-2026 school year based on their feedback and current available funds submitted to their individual accounts in January 2025. After assessing the remaining balance of funds in each of these accounts, these communities can anticipate having enough funds through at least the 2025-2026 school and for some, beyond. LPSD will maintain communication with these communities regarding their food service balance at the start of the year, on a quarterly basis or as needed.

Chignik Lagoon is evaluating if they can financially support the NSLP/USDA for the 2025-2026 school year.

Community Supported Food Service: Kokhanok, Port Heiden, Igiugig, Newhalen/Iliamna, and Port Alsworth will continue to provide food for students through combined efforts within their community(ies).

The attached letter will be sent to communities following this board meeting (edits if the board sees a need), indicating a clear understanding of maintaining cooks for sites that are funding the NSLP/USDA program or providing food through collaborative effort in their community through a withdrawal from the endowment fund for the 2025-2026 school year.



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May 6, 2025

Dear Community Members, Tribes, Cities, and Supportive Entities,

I am writing about the continued food service program shifts within the Lake and Peninsula School District (LPSD). Continuing for the 2025-2026 school year, the district, through the use of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Endowment monies, will continue to provide the cook position for each school where the community is choosing to fund and feed students or who are financing their National School Lunch/USDA Program participation.

LPSD continues to be open to your creative processes and working through the implementation together. Your partnership is not just important; it's vital in helping to maintain a food service program. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to navigate these necessary changes with us and your ability to problem-solve alongside the district. We thank you for your ongoing support of our students.

LPSD has faced financial challenges for several years, especially running our food service program. Despite our efforts, we have yet to receive increased funding from the Alaska Department of Education, while food service costs (and all operations costs) have risen.

We believe in the power of partnerships and collaboration. By working together, we can continue nourishing our students and fulfilling our mission of creating culturally responsive, place-based educational experiences. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are deeply grateful for your understanding, cooperation, and all you do to partner with us in supporting our students. Your support is invaluable, and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,

Kasie Luke
Superintendent
Lake and Peninsula School District

Chignik Bay • Chignik Lagoon • Chignik Lake • Igiugig • Kokhanok • Levelock
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