

Report from Kaktovik – February 10, 2020

Today was the first step in rebuilding Harold Kaveolook School. Todd Washburn expressed that today was a good day back with students and staff eating breakfast and lunch at Marsh Creek. Teachers and staff met today in preparation for goods and supplies arriving. The NSB/NSBSD Incident Command continues the work to establish a new educational space and housing for displaced teachers.

We also understand that IBH has sent counselors to Kaktovik which is greatly appreciated and very needed. Plans are underway to send the Kaktovik Boy's and Girls' basketball teams to Utqiagvik on Thursday to practice and play in tournaments.

Report from Kaktovik – February 9, 2020

Tomorrow will be the first day with no classes in Kaktovik. We are pleased to announce that a plan is in place to have breakfast and lunch served tomorrow to both students, staff and elders. This occurred through an incredible amount of effort from Kristine Hilderbrand, Don Dunbar, Jim Alverson, Todd Washburn, Lee Roy Stigen in cooperation with the North Slope Borough.

The NSBSD IT team will be ready to take the technology package to Kaktovik in the next day or so. In addition, the NSB/NSBSD incident command will be sending out more supplies and services to Kaktovik over the next week with the goal of starting school very soon.

The boy's and girl's basketball teams arrived back in Kaktovik today greeted by teachers, staff, and family. They were able to view the damage of the school and reconnect with other classmates from 1 -3 in the Kaktovik Community Center. This was a time for staff and students to join together and begin healing. As a follow-up, counseling support was sent to Atqasuk on Friday for the Kaktovik basketball players.

In addition to breakfast and lunch being back on schedule tomorrow, the classified and certified staff will be meeting to determine next steps and continue to look at ways we can support them. All displaced teachers have temporary housing until more permanent facilities are ready. Staff are in good spirits, but are hurting with the rest of the community.

Report from Kaktovik – February 8, 2020

We had a productive day in Kaktovik. We spent 6 hours on the ground assessing and meeting with staff and community. We already have an agreement through the borough for the use of Marsh creek camp for food preparation and serving. Kristine already has 1.5 months of food ready which arrived this morning and is in Marsh Creek at this time. The student and elder meals will begin on Monday with no break.

We have secured the community center for classes with the goal of school starting as soon as possible. The NSB will have to accomplish several tasks first as pipes are frozen to the community center and other places in town. The five-plex is empty and is available for housing and classes, but will need a couple of weeks to put into place. Displaced staff is being housed with fellow teachers and other interim housing at this time. We hope to have IT out this week as they are preparing the Technology package to go out, but ASTAC will need to put in the service drop for community center first. We have a list of needs we are already addressing while the Kaktovik staff is continuing to

prepare lists for us. The need for counseling is immediate and is being addressed by IBH with the NSB and our Student Services Department to include our school counselor on site.

Through the Joint Incident Command of the NSB/NSBSD, we are addressing all of these needs including looking at outside resources if viable. We just had another meeting with the borough after returning to Utqiagvik. The objective was to document the needs that were raised by the staff and community meetings. These are already being addressed through the incident command process.

I want to commend Kristine, Lori and Liz for spearheading many parts of the operation with incredible results. Todd Washburn, principal, 2-and Lee Roy Stigen, plant manager, in Kaktovik have also done an amazing job. While Kristine, Lori and myself were on the ground in Kaktovik, Liz was in Barrow meeting with the Incident Command and preparing curriculum materials to go to Kaktovik this week.

The list that John sent yesterday is either completed or initiated. Below is John's list and their status.

1. Notice to insurance. - **Completed**
2. DEED waivers for calendar changes. – **Initiated: to be completed with educational plan.**
3. Collective bargaining changes for calendar/work day/ etc. – **Initiated with NSBEA – they will be reviewing the educational plan.**
4. Addressing any impact the fire had on teacher housing. – **5 families are displaced but have temporary shelter (see above).**
5. Generating an list of items lost in the fire for insurance purposes and insurance claims. - **Initiated and in process through Incident Command.**
6. Determining whether student records were lost and how to address that. – **All records have electronic back-up/Other items such as Cum files are in fire-proof cabinets,. We will not have access to the site until it is released by the state fire marshal.**
7. If new space will be used for schooling, obtaining an appropriate lease for the space. In addition, does the leased space comply with DEED or federal (ADA) requirements and if not, can a waiver be obtained? – **The NSB/NSBSD Incident Command are securing leasing for the facilities. ADA compliance issues were part of our on-site visit as we work with the state on our educational plan.**
8. Insure that insurance is obtained for any new space that is leased or used. – **This is again already happening through our Incident Command.**
9. Make sure any new space has sufficient security for student records or other critical data or documents. – **This was another objective for today's site visit – space is identified.**
10. Obviously, identify efforts needed to find long term replacement facilities. – **This has also been initiated for a short -term occupancy, an intermediate facility and a long-term solution. The short-term solutions are listed above, while the long-term solution will be contingent of insurance claim process by the NSB. An intermediate facility needed to bridge the gap before a new school is built is also being researched with many ideas and partners already available.**

At this time, we have no other updates. I will update you tomorrow evening with any new developments. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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