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Chignik Bay Community Members,

On behalf of the Lake and Peninsula School District I am writing to clarify the District's upcoming staffing changes in Chignik Bay. With reduced State and Federal funding, LPSD is forced to deal with situations different than in past school years. Unfortunately, in looking at the Bay's projected student count for the 21/22 school year we are saddened to see only 5 students projected.

Based on these projections we will be transferring the certified staff in Chignik Bay to other school sites. We simply cannot enter into binding contracts with these professionals without knowing for certain that the school will remain open.

We do plan on conducting an intent to enroll process later this spring (March) and at that time, if ten or more students are confirmed we will look at staffing the Bay and keeping the doors open for next school year. This will be contingent of course on ten students on the first day of school and them staying through the October count period (at a minimum).

In a perfect world we would "wait and see" but with such a low projected enrollment and a lack of funding our hand is forced. We are hopeful the situation changes and we can keep the school in Chignik Bay open - the last thing we want to do is close another school.

I urge you, if you have any questions at all, to please contact me at 246-4280.

Sincerely,

Ty Mase
Superintendent