



Date: December 5, 2021
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Board Report, December 8, 2021

Fall 2021 In Review

COVID-19 Through the guidance of our trusted LPSD COVID Committee we have effectively kept healthy students in schools as much as possible so far for the 2021-2022 School Year.

IGI, LAG, LAK, BAY, PVL, PTH, PIP, KHK and NON have not missed any days of school so far this year due to COVID. PTA has missed 4 days, NEW has missed 17.5, and LEV has missed 1 days.

COVID Committee THANK YOU to Mr. Rick Luthi, Danica Wilson, Kumi Rattenbury, Shannon Johnson, Bill Cornell, Ty Mase, Rene Dillow and Jennifer Dewinnie for their continued support for keeping healthy students in our LPSD Schools.

Board Guidance/Participation You as our LPSD School Board have not ceased to support and guide LPSD through the transition of LPSD leadership this year through me as the new Superintendent and through our Administrative Team. We are grateful for your consistency and willingness to lean in on topics, policy and keeping the LPSD mission alive.

BBRC TE: Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education There were approximately 100 students regionally who participated in the October CTE session. CTE fosters many partnerships regionally that benefit SO many students. We are so grateful for Director Zach Stenson, guiding the CTE Program. Receiving the ANE Grant this year as well as the support of BBNC and partnerships across the region are invaluable.

ESSER Funds We have been able to maintain an additional full time, distance School Counselor, plan for Assessment and Committee work around curriculum, hire potential additional tutors and support staff around interventions, hire Tech Liaisons for each school, secure additional replacement tech resources, support Social Emotional Learning and COVID Testing supplies for schools.

CHILD: Cultural Heritage Improving Learning & Development Supporting our Early Learning Program for the next three years, we are so fortunate to have been recipients (in conjunction with Bristol Bay SD and Chugach SD).

Celebrating Excellent Teachers Our 2021-2022 LPSD Marigold Award winners were: Hannah Ward, Marli Nikolaus, Brandey Voran, Jesse Davis, Patricia McCasland, and Leah Talley. THANK YOU to the nominated individuals and the award winners for setting the tone for our amazing staff and supporting, nurturing and encouraging those around you!

Finances THANK YOU to Mrs. Laura Hylton for ongoing financial oversight of LPSD. LPSD is sitting in a really wonderful place financially (one of the only perks of COVID). Laura has handled with grace many transitions (and continued transitions) of staffing within our Finance Department fostering changes and guiding staff.

Palmer Office Our Palmer District Office consisting of 6 FTE + 2 BBRCTE Interns has moved from its old location at 101 W. Arctic Ave. Suite D to 1617 Industrial Way in Palmer. The new office space is much larger than the previous space and is supported financially by BBRCTE funding as there is a need for supply storage, and additional space for staff as we expand funding opportunities and personnel for BBRCTE.

Enrollment All 12 of our physical schools are open! LPSD currently has 13 total functioning schools including Lake View Homeschool, Perryville, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Port Heiden, Pilot Point, Tanalian, Nondalton, Newhalen, Kokhanok, Levelock and Igiugig.

Igiugig Duplex Igiugig's AHFC supported Duplex is under construction currently. The space will support teacher housing and open classroom space within the school by allowing the community led library to move to an old housing unit. Construction is anticipated to be completed by March 2022.

Graduations We have had several students graduate during Fall 2021, Congratulations to Lydia Yagie (PTH), Inez Fowler (PTA), Katie Jones (LAG), Hans Peterson, (LAG)!

Activities & Athletics We have been functioning in a seemingly "pre COVID" state again since suspending travel last year. Navigating athletics and travel during COVID has been trying, although we are fortunate to have Ed Lester, Nate Davis and Theresa Wilson's hard work to support Cross Country, Volleyball and Booster supported wrestling and activities for our students this year.

Mama Nature LPSD continues to face the ongoing shakes of Mother Earth. July and October of this year along with various other smaller aftershocks have taken place. We've offered staff salary scale credit advancement to learn about Earthquakes through UAF and in turn teach our students the science, safety and preparation of earthquakes.

Committee Work: Assessments + Science + ELA/MA We have assembled an Assessment Committee of expert LPSD Staff to evaluate the importance of our Assessments, asking important questions and sitting at the table to better the educational experience of our students. On our Assessment Committee is: Patricia McCasland, Sara Erickson, Christian Meneskie, Jordan Davis, Matthew Stark, and Austin McCourt. Our Science Committee consists of: Branden Hummel, James Williams, Stephanie Barthelman, Katie Zimmerman, Jesse Davis, Nathan McArthur. Our ELA experts include: Cassie Broschious, Marli Manning, Patricia McCasland, Jordan Davis, Hannah Ward, and Elisabeth Ludwig. Math experts include: Christian Meneskie, Matthew Grossman, Brandey Voran, Shakim Blackwell, Stephen Fink, and Branden Hummel.

AK STAR Assessment The State's adoption of the STAR (Alaska System of Academic Readiness) Assessment will alter the summative assessment for students in Spring of 2022. We are keeping in tune with these changes in order to best prepare our staff for implementation and students for testing day.

In closing, the Fall 2021 semester has went by so unbelievably fast and from my somewhat new seat with LPSD, it seems to be going smoothly overall considering the world we have learned to function in. Through the guidance of you as the LPSD School Board we have effectively kept healthy students in schools learning among fully staffed sites. The wellness of our communities, students, and staff continues to be a priority and with your continued guidance and direction I am looking forward to Spring semester. Go Team!