

THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Board of Education Lake and Peninsula School District March 13, 2018

- From: Marjorie Waggoner Special Education Director (Contractor)
- Re: Special Education Report

Special Education Staffing:

We are sorry to lose several fine special education teachers who are moving on to new adventures for the 2018/19 school year: Paige Norman, Nondalton Paulene Manning, itinerant for Perryville, Pilot Point, Levelock, and the Bay Marcie Lester, Newhalen We wish these teachers the best in their endeavors next school year.

Ty and Pat have been busy recruiting and hiring to fill the 2018/19 school year special education positions that are being vacated. There are still some decisions to be made about hiring and employee assignments that will be announced in the future.

We also have had, and will have next year, several changes in the related services area. Deb Fortune, Speech Pathologist for the South Schools, Levelock, and Igiugik, resigned after the first semester this year due to health issues. We have contracted with Presence Learning, a tele-therapy company, to provide speech therapy to the students on her caseload second semester. Kaye Lawson, Occupational Therapist Districtwide, and Elizabeth Hansen, School Psychologist Districtwide, have indicated that they will not be returning next year. These ladies have contracted with LPSD for many years and we appreciate their work. We have some very big shoes to fill!



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Special Education Professional Development and In-service:

Six of our special education teachers attended the Alaska State Special Education Conference in Anchorage February 5-7, 2018. They enjoyed the chance to learn new things and network with sped teachers across the state. It was also beneficial to our district sped team to have time together to problem solve and celebrate accomplishments. The teachers came back refreshed and excited to use the things they learned at the conference in their schools and classrooms.

Monitoring of the LPSD Special Education Program

Every four years the state department does a monitoring of our district to check for compliance with special education law. Next fall we will have a representative from the state monitoring our special education records and prescribing corrective action for any Student File Standards that may be found lacking. There are 49 standards that are monitored. We are looking forward to this learning opportunity that will take place October 24-27.