



Date: June 22, 2023
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report: June 29, 2023

State Funding Update

We had hoped the Governor would accept the \$680 one time funding increase per pupil put forth by the Legislature, however he vetoed the Education funding and has put for \$340 per pupil in one time funding for the upcoming year. There were not enough votes in the House to override the Governor's veto. We anticipated the increase prior to the Governor's veto being (with \$680) being right around \$1 million. For LPSD, this means we will rework our budget incorporating the one time funding of \$518,928.00 (with \$340). This still leaves us at about \$100K deficit and no room for beginning to replenish our savings.

PK Funding:

We are excited to report that LPSD received the AK Pre Elementary Grant that will allow us to continue with our grant funded PK program through the 2025-2026 school year. The grant monies totally \$671,253.19 will be released to LPSD at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Literacy Grant Funding

Through Mrs. Kresl's dedication and hard work, LPSD has received \$132,282.55 in supplemental funds from the State Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) for the Alaska Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant (LPSD's Literacy Grant) for 2023-2024. This money will support efforts to comply with the Alaska Reads Act, support the LPSD Mentor/Mentee Program and the MTSS/RTI implementation, encourage participation in the Science of Reading offerings from the State, and professional development for calibrated teaching across LPSD.

Certified Staffing

Mr. Cornell continues to put forth great effort to ensure LPSD schools are staffed with teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. We are in a better place than many other districts on this day, late June, thanks to Bill. As we look ahead at the 2023-2024 school year, we are hopeful to fill all our openings before the beginning of the year and work to collaborate with our communities and staff members throughout the year to maintain positive relationships and productive happenings where we can to have less turnover in the year ahead. In hiring and maintaining staff, we will keep the Board aware of the staffing of LPSD while doing our best to allow the Board to continue setting the tone for "why" while the LPSD administration supports the "how." As I am the only school board staff member, our team and I will work to protect the Board and provide necessary communication and information about personnel and concerns. Thank you, LPSD School Board, for your continued support of our Administration and our efforts to keep LPSD a family-oriented, student and community-focused place to serve.