



THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Tribal Leaders of the Lake and Peninsula School District,

To the community members who submitted a petition regarding the request for the District Office and staff in Palmer to be relocated to the Lake and Peninsula Borough region. We are committed to addressing these concerns thoughtfully and strategically to benefit our communities and students.

We have reviewed the petition and considered that the Palmer district office has been established over seven years. Any immediate relocation of this office and its staff serving LPSD requires careful thought to preserve relationships with regional school districts supporting BBRCTE and avoid disrupting the efficient systems maintained by dedicated employees.

We are committed to providing in-district job opportunities where housing is available in our communities. This transition will take time, but we are focused on:

- **Acknowledging Community Concerns:** We value your input and aim to increase local employment opportunities.
- **Strategic Planning:** Over the next 1-3 years, we will transition positions into communities with housing, prioritizing local hires through natural attrition.
- **Immediate Actions:** Job postings will highlight community roles where housing and workspace are available to encourage local applicants.
- **Thoughtful Implementation:** Superintendent Kasie Luke will develop a housing, mentorship, and community readiness plan.

This approach ensures stability for current staff while fostering stronger communities. We will provide updates as we progress and appreciate your partnership in this important work. Thank you for your dedication to our district's future.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Superintendent Ms. Kasie Luke

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