

Vision: We grow self directed, life-long learners who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities.



Mission: We will nourish student growth by investing in partnerships and implementing culturally responsive, place based education.

Date: May 8, 2026
To: Lake and Peninsula School Board
From: Kasie Luke, Superintendent
Re: Report: May 13, 2026

Dates & Happenings:

- Students are officially into summer break by the time this meeting takes place!
 - ◆ Students are dismissed Friday, May 8, 2026 - Here's to a safe and happy fishing season!
- Borough Assembly & School Board collaboration - Anchorage, May 12, 2026
- BBRCTE Commercial Fishing Session - Pilot Point, June
- Tuesday, September 1, 2026 we welcome students back to school!



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Job well done to these hard-working students and all of the teachers, school staff, and community supporters who have helped them reach this exciting milestone!



Tanalian Lynx Seniors:
Noah Davis, Mikiah Lorentzen, Ray Chmiel
Kindergarten Graduate! Josh

Young Meshik Wolf Graduates:
Nicole O'Domin - **Pre K Graduate**
Zia Christensen & Maverick Seybert - **Kindergarten Graduates**
Roderick O'Domin & Liam Matson - **Middle School Graduates**





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Perryville Eagles Seniors: Analise Kosbruk & Clifford Phillips



Newhalen Malamute Seniors:
Ryley Young, Kaleah Anelon, Denali Bybee, & Pagan Lester





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Kokhanok Warlord Seniors: Azarien Gregory & Finn Hill



Lake View Homeschool Graduates during 2025-2026 School Year!

Ignatius Kosbruk - Perryville
Riley Ashby - Chignik Bay
Kelly Chukwak - Levelock
Edward Krause - Chignik Bay
Angel Yagie - Perryville
Savannah Carr - Chignik Lagoon

Chignik Lake Wolves
held awards and
Graduation on Friday,
May 8, 2026



Alaska Legislative Session Update: Education Funding

HB 78: Retirement Systems; Defined Benefit Opt-In

- **Status:** Passed Senate (12-8) on April 28; House Concurred and passed it 21-19, April 29.
- **Current Action:** Heading to the Governor's desk for signature. He has until May 18th to make a decision.
- **Summary:** A monumental "workforce stability" bill aimed at teacher retention. It establishes a new shared-risk defined benefit (pension) tier.
 - **Impact:** New and current employees can choose between the existing defined contribution (401k-style) plan or a new pension plan.
 - **Safeguards:** Includes adjustable contribution rates to prevent future unfunded liabilities for the state.

HB 261: Education Funding & Student Counts

- **Status:** Heard in House Finance Committee (April 22, May 1, and May 5).
- **Summary:** Seeks to stabilize school budgeting by changing how student counts are calculated.
 - **Mechanism:** Districts could use a three-year average of student counts or the previous year's count, whichever is greater, to determine funding.
 - **Importance:** This provides a buffer against sudden enrollment drops, allowing for more predictable long-term planning and staffing.

SB 277: Correspondence Students & BSA

- **Status:** Heard and Held in Senate Education Committee (April 13).
- **Summary:** Addresses the legal and funding framework for correspondence (homeschool) programs following recent court challenges. It also touches on Base Student Allocation (BSA) adjustments and charter school budget transparency.

Alaska Legislative Session Update: Education Funding

HB 387: AK Native Languages Academic Task Force

- **Status:** Heard and Held in the House Education Committee on Monday, May 4th.
- **Summary:** This bill proposes the creation of a legislative task force dedicated to the study and support of Alaska Native language preservation and education. The group would review current systemic risks, such as funding gaps and the loss of linguistic expertise, and is tasked with delivering recommendations on teacher training and long-term revitalization strategies within one year.

FY 27 Operating Budget: One-Time Funding & Energy Relief

HB 263: State FY 27 Operating Budget

- **Status:** The State Senate passed the budget on May 7, 2026, with a vote of 17-3. It now returns to the House for a concurrence vote.
- **Summary:** This bill provides immediate financial relief through one-time allocations rather than permanent formula changes. It includes up to \$111 million in one-time funding for public education, which is contingent upon the price of oil. Additionally, it allocates \$29.1 million in energy relief grants specifically for public schools to address high utility and heating costs. If the House does not agree to these Senate changes, a conference committee will be formed to resolve the differences.

2026-2027 Small School Intent to Enroll

Through the LPSD pre-registration process, we have the insight as of today of the following pre-enrollment numbers:

Chignik Lagoon: 12 students.

Nondalton: 13 students.

Igiugig: 10 students.

We heard from the Chignik Bay community that they do not anticipate having 10 students to reopen the school, and we have not heard back from the community of Pilot Point with any indication on the potential of having 10 students in their community for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

LPSD Food Service

USDA/National School Lunch Program: Perryville and Chignik Lake are participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) utilizing USDA foods for the 2025-2026 school year based on their feedback and current available funds submitted to their individual accounts in January 2025. LPSD will maintain communication with these communities regarding their food service balance at the start of the year, on a quarterly basis or as needed. **Our team is working with Newhalen/Iliamna School Staff and community partners for them to weigh transitioning to NSLP.

Community Supported Food Service: Kokhanok, Port Heiden, Igiugig, Newhalen/Iliamna, Port Alsworth, continue to provide food for students through combined efforts within their community(ies). In the 2026-2027 school year, Chignik Lagoon and Nondalton will also be moving to a community supported food service program.