

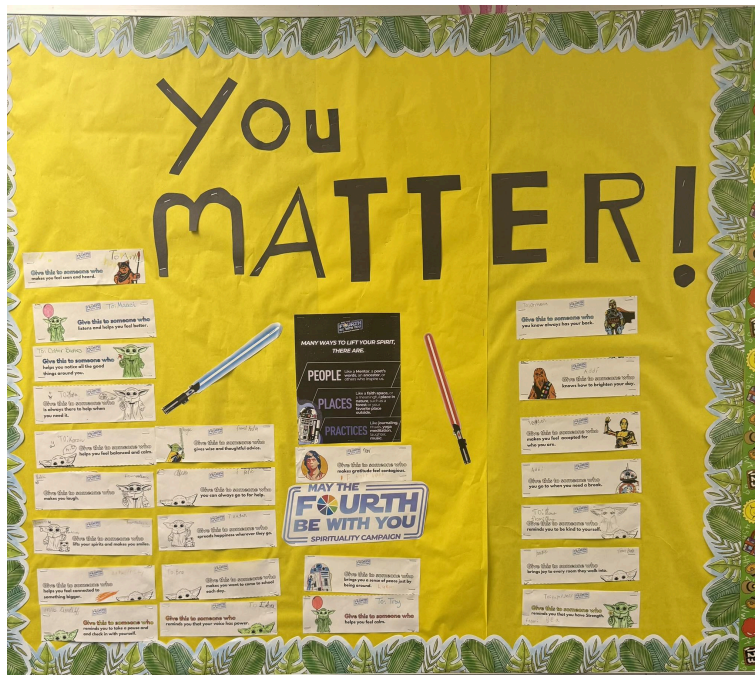
Date: May 5, 2026
To: LPSD School Board
From: Kacy Lou Leyba
Regarding: May Student Services Report

Happy summer, LPSD! While our team is looking forward to some much needed relaxation and refreshment, we are also incredibly grateful for the work we've had the opportunity to do in and alongside our communities this year. We will be finalizing our grant data in the next few days, but as of May 5th, we can definitively say that our team has served 151+ students in just the first four months of the calendar year. In addition to these one-on-one and group lessons, Elisabeth has knocked it out of the park, continuing to support students and families through LPSD's partnership with the KicksforKids program. This school year, the following number of shoes have been distributed to help keep our students healthy, happy, and active:

- 122 pairs of snow/ rain boots
- 104 sneakers/running shoes
- 20 pairs of wrestling shoes

These shoes have landed in 10 of our villages this school year. What a great way to support healthy lifestyles!

Speaking of healthy lifestyles, our Sources of Strength implementation at SNAP Meet went better than any of us could have imagined and our team has enjoyed partnering with Peer-Leaders (students) and Adult Advisors across the district after SNAP to implement a "May the 4th Be With You" campaign, encouraging students to identify people who help lift their spirits. A few of these campaigns were highlighted on our social media over the last few weeks (@lpsd_studentservices on Instagram and LPSD Student Services on Facebook).



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We are looking forward to supporting our sites this fall with a more robust implementation of Sources of Strength and will be incorporating site-based Student Governments and District-Wide Student Government into this process as well in order to lean into the leadership development components of the program.

The few weeks since SNAP have included several graduations, many of which our team was able to attend, either in person or virtually. What a joy it is to stand beside our students and celebrate their years of hard work coming to fruition. Speaking of graduations, we want to celebrate our very own Patty McCasland who has officially graduated with her second Master's Degree in Education. We are ecstatic to say that she is officially a trained School Counselor and will be acting as such half-time next year on our team. Of course, she will continue on in her BBRCTE Career Guide role for her other half time.

While we await the finalization of the BBRCTE calendar (which is tied to the proposed residential funding in the Governor's budget), our team has enjoyed supporting our students as they travelled to the BBRCTE Intensive Week 4 just after SNAP (Patty was stationed at BBRCTE in Naknek and Kacy Lou was in Anchorage). The one-on-one conversations that are able to be had about post-secondary planning in the CTE spaces are unique given the real life experiences students are having. Patty and I have been tremendously grateful to walk alongside our students as they have navigated learning more about the career fields they are (or were) interested in.

While there are always more things to celebrate in our corner of LPSD, I simply want to end the year expressing my gratitude for your ongoing support of our students. I am looking forward to returning this upcoming school year for another year of growth and support for communities. Quyanavaa.