

Dear Lake and Peninsula School District Board,

It has come to my attention that our current itinerant student support service coordinator, Ms. Kacy Leyba, is at risk of being removed from her role in our schools. I wanted to reach out and express my concerns with this decision.

1. Ms. Leyba had shown over the past years of service her heart and passion for the well being of our students. She has developed relationships with the students and communities she serves, relationships which take time to build and further her ability to serve the students.

2. Ms. Leyba is highly qualified for the position she is in, and continues to learn and seek new opportunities and programs to benefit our students.

3. While I understand that recently the state and district have moved toward having employees of the school district live in the district they service, and Ms. Leyba's current life circumstances will require her to move to Soldotna this fall, she and her family are making that choice with the intention of moving back in district after her fiancé has finished medical school. Because this is not a permanent move, but one which will serve to actually benefit our communities in greater ways, I believe an exemption can and should be made.

4. In the time period that she is out of district, a new employee would have to begin with building brand new relationships and connections in the communities, training in the programs and opportunities Ms. Leyba has already learned and implemented, and I believe would be able to accomplish less for our students than Ms. Leyba will be able to even from out of district.

5. Due to the nature of the itinerant work Ms. Leyba does, she already travels from village to village. This travel is still just as possible from Soldotna as it is from her current in-district residence.

In short, I see no benefits to our students in removing Ms. Leyba from her role, and I see a myriad of detriments to our students in bringing in a new person. I strongly believe Ms. Leyba should be allowed to continue in her role for a short term period from Soldotna, with the knowledge and understanding that she would be back in-district after that period.

Thank you for taking time to hear the thoughts of one of the parents of students in the LPSD school district.

Sincerely,
Alicia Fries