

March 30, 2026

Lake and Peninsula School District
Board of Education

To members of the LPSD Board:

It is my understanding that Kacy Lou Leba's contract is not being renewed for the SY 26-27 school year because she and her family are moving out-of-district. First of all, this does not make sense, especially since I was moved to Igiugig from the state of Oklahoma to teach elementary school in the Lake and Peninsula School District. Secondly, Kacy Lou is a valuable and well-trained asset to LPSD. I have been under her instruction during In-Service Training, and she is an excellent instructor. She would be a great loss to LPSD. Thirdly, Kacy Lou is an excellent counselor to staff and students. She met with me this year regarding issues in my classroom and has been serving as counselor to two of my elementary students. Both have responded very well to her counseling and look forward to meeting with her weekly. I do not want that to change! I am certain that one of these two students will continue to need her counseling in SY 26-27 and beyond. Finally, Kacy Lou is a well-educated Mexican American currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies, and she is devoted to our Native Alaskan students. She is an inspiration and an example to so many of our students. For these and so many other reasons, Kacy Lou should be considered highly valuable to LPSD, and her contract should be renewed.

Please reconsider the recent decision not to renew Kacy Lou Leba's contract within the Lake & Peninsula School District, regardless of which district she is moving to, as her heart is with LPSD, no matter where she lives.

Respectfully,

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