

Dear Members of the Lake and Peninsula District School Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for Kacy Lou Leyba and to respectfully urge you to reconsider the decision regarding her position as Student Services Counselor for the LPSD region.

Kacy has been an invaluable part of our Tanalian school community. Her dedication to the emotional and personal well-being of students is evident in the lives she has impacted. She has created a safe and supportive environment where students feel heard, understood, and encouraged. Kacy consistently offers guidance during difficult times and has helped students navigate significant challenges.

I have had the privilege of knowing Kacy since 2014 when she moved to Port Alsworth to work with the Tanalian Leadership Center. Her heart and passion to work with people and see healing in their lives has been evident since I first met her. She has a love for the people of Southwest Alaska and more specifically, the Lake and Peninsula Region.

In addition to her direct work with students, Kacy supports teachers and collaborates with families. Losing such a committed professional would not only affect individual students but would also have a broader impact on the school community as a whole. Building relationships takes time and would like to see her continue to build on the ones that have already been established.

I respectfully ask the board to reconsider this decision. Keeping Kacy is an investment in the well-being and future success of the students we serve.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wardell

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