

# **AGENDA**

# ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# **REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Tok School Library - Tok, Alaska Monday, January 18, 2016 6:00 PM Regular Meeting

MISSION: "EDUCATING ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS."

**CALL TO ORDER** 

**ROLL CALL** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS<sup>1</sup>** 

**RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS** 

**PRESENTATIONS** 

**District Lobbyist** 

**Greenhouse Presentation** 

**ACTION ITEMS - ROUTINE MATTERS** 

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS** 

**ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS** 

3. Appointment of Board Seat G, Section IV Boundary/Chicken/Eagle

4. CAPSIS Legislative Appropriation Requests

5. Letters of Support for DOT and APLIC/DMV

6. Lobbyist Memorandum Of Agreement

7. Board Policy 4350 Certified Employees - First Reading

8. SPARK (Physical Education) Curriculum

9. Districtwide Copiers/Scanners Replacement Bids

10. Districtwide Maintenance Vehicle Bids

11. Certified Personnel Actions

12. FY15 Financial Audit

13. Superintendent Search Vacancy Announcement

14. Classified Reconsideration Request

REPORTS/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

**Superintendent's Report** 

**Financial Report** 

**Assistant Superintendent's and Directors' Reports** 

**Principals' Reports** 

**Advisory School Board Minutes** 

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

HEARING OF VISITORS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS<sup>1</sup>

DISCUSSION, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Walter Northway School House (Formerly Preschool Building)

**FUTURE MEETING DATES** 

**Site Selection & Date** 

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-- Matters Required to be Confidential by Law** 

**ADJOURNMENT** 

<sup>1</sup>All members of the public that would like to comment on any matters during Hearing of Visitors on Agenda Items or Hearing of Visitors on Non-Agenda Items need to sign-in with the Board Secretary. President will call on each member of the public in the order he or she signed-in as the meeting progresses to that section of the agenda.

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President

Secretary-Treasurer

President

President

**President** 

**President** 

**Dave Stancliff** 

**Technology Director** 

**President** 

**President** 

**President** 

**President** 

Superintendent

**Chief Financial Officer Assistant Superintendent** 

**Principals** 

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# **AGENDA**

# **ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# **REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**

Tok School Library - Tok, Alaska Monday January 18, 2016 5:00 PM Work Session

MISSION: "EDUCATING ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS."

# **WORK SESSION**

The Regional School Board of the Alaska Gateway School District will hold a work session to discuss issues pertaining to K-12 public education. Topics on the agenda are for discussion purposes only and no motions will be made or actions taken on these items by the Board during a work session.

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
DISCUSSION TOPICS

Secretary-Treasurer
President

President

1. FY15 Financial Audit Report

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

January 18, 2016

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 2

# ISSUE

Approval of Minutes

# **BACKGROUND**

 $_{\circ}$  Following are the unofficial minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 16, 2015.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

 The minutes for the Regular Meeting held on November 16, 2015 be approved as presented.

# Minutes of Regional School Board Meeting Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Tanacross, Alaska

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Lisa Conrad, Jill Kranenburg, Lorraine Titus, Peter Talus and Jeff Deeter were present. Also present was Mike Cronk, Teacher Representative.

Oath of Office: Lisa Conrad, Jill Kranenburg, Peter Talus and Shauna Lee.

Roll Call

Lisa Conrad, Jill Kranenburg, Lorraine Titus, Peter Talus, Jeff Deeter and Shauna Lee were present.

Election of Officers: President - Lisa Conrad, Vice President - Lorraine Titus, and Peter Talus - Secretary/Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hearing of Visitors on Agenda Items

**Presentations** 

Todd Poage, Superintendent gave a presentation on Coalition for Education Equity.

Kaydee Moore, Tanacross Principal/Teacher gave a presentation on Tanacross School.

# **Action Items**

1. Approval of Agenda.

Jill Kranenburg moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Lorraine Titus.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Jeff Deeter moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Seconded by Jill Kranenburg.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Elimination of HSGQE within Board Policy.

Jeff Deeter moved to eliminate all references to the HSGQE within Board Policy.

Seconded by Peter Talus.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Tok School Advisory School Board Election Certification.

Jill Kranenburg moved that the results of the Advisory School Board election for Tok School be certified as presented.

Seconded by Shauna Lee.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Leave Request.

Lorraine Titus moved to refer the leave request back to the site administrator.

Seconded by Jeff Deeter.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6. Vacancy - Seat G, Section IV.

The board directed the Superintendent to advertise the vacancy for RSB Seat G, Section IV (Boundary, Chicken, Eagle).

7. Funding.

Peter Talus moved to approve initial funds for power generation and electrical savings project.

Seconded by Jeff Deeter.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Financial Report

Assistant Superintendent's and Directors' Report

Discussion, Comments, Questions by Members of the Board: Administrative Reports, Team Hollywood Celebrity Streetball Family Event, Hiring Update, Chromebooks, Teacher Certificates, Student Enrollment Numbers, Dual Enrollment, FY16 District Budget, Fiscal Audit, Extra-curricular Activities, Closing Small Schools Under 25 Students, Greenhouse Production, Lobbyist, Impact Aide Authorization Resolution, TCC Education Summit, RFP for Districtwide Copiers, Posting Superintendent Opening thru AASB and AMP Scores.

Hearing of Visitors on Non-Agenda Items

Future Meeting Date: Regular meeting January 18th, 2016; Worksession on Fiscal Audit at 5:00 PM at 6 PM in Tok School.

Suggested Agenda Items: Greenhouse Update, Audit, AASB Superintendent Search, Teacher Vacancies, Lobbyist Report, Indian Ed Policy – Impact Aide. Jeff Deeter moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM Seconded by Peter Talus. Motion Carried Unanimously.

I hereby submit that these minutes have been approved by the District Board of Education sitting in regular session as the official minutes of the November  $16^{\rm th}$ , 2015 meeting.

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Secretary/Treasure	r	

January 18, 2016

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 3

# ISSUE

Appointment of Board Seat G, Section IV Boundary/Chicken/Eagle

# BACKGROUND

- Board Seat G is currently vacant
- $\circ$  Seat G Board member resigned before the November Board meeting
- $\circ$  The vacancy has been posted for the required timeframe
- $\circ$  All candidates statements, as of January 8, are included

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint a new Board member for Seat G, Section IV Border/Chicken/Eagle.

Steve Robbins PO Box 111 Eagle, AK 99738

Mr. Todd Poage Superintendent Alaska Gateway School District PO Box 226 Tok, AK 99780

December 14, 2015

Dear Mr. Poage,

I am interested in filling the seat that Steve Scott vacated on the Regional School Board until the position comes up for election again in October 2016. I understand this is an appointed position, so please consider this my letter of intent.

As you may know, I am the spouse of Principal, Kristy Robbins, at Eagle Community School. I am also a volunteer at the school and I occasionally substitute for Rick Nix. As a resident of Eagle, husband of the Principal, and an avid supporter of the school, I am very aware of the daily operations and the desires of the stakeholders. I believe I can be of service to the school and the Board. I would appreciate your support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Robbins



**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent Agenda Item: 4

#### ISSUE

CAPSIS Legislative Appropriation Requests

# **BACKGROUND**

- This will be the sixth year submitting capital projects thru an online format as well as handing out the requests during lobbying visits to Juneau
- Our list last year included four projects from an Organic Rankine Cycle Energy System; Multipurpose Building Heat Loop; Automated Facility System Software and construction funds for a Regional Residential Learning Center
- $\circ$  None of these four requested appropriations were funded
- $\circ$  Below are some suggestions and funding amounts in no particular order

0	Multipurpose Building Heat Loop	\$ 75,000
0	Tetlin School Facility Software Upgrade	86,648
0	Tok School Security System Upgrade	10,500
0	Net-Zero Regional Residential Learning Center	5M
0	Turbine Project	35,000
0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Greenhouse	125,000

- Other
- The goal is to select projects that save the District funds continually over time in order to supplement the instructional program and/or make schools more efficient and safe

# RECOMMENDATION

 $_{\odot}$  Establish project direction for the 2016 Legislative session.

Alaska Gateway School District

**January 18, 2016** 

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 5

# ISSUE

Letters of Support for DOT and APLIC/DMV

# **BACKGROUND**

- Discussion topic for supporting these organizations against the cuts being recommended within the State's operating budget
- $\circ$  Generate ideas to write letters or resolutions of support

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Pending Board discussion.

To: Regional School Board Members Alaska Gateway School District **January 18, 2016** 

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 6

# ISSUE

Lobbyist Memorandum Of Agreement

# BACKGROUND

- Met with the District lobbyist, Dave Stancliff, a couple of times to discuss capital project requests
- $\circ$  If approved, the lobbying fees would remain exactly the same as last year
- The District may also have the opportunity to split travel costs with AP&T again this year
- $\circ$  MOA included as an action item within this section of the packet

# **RECOMMENDATION**

 $_{\circ}$  The Lobbyist Memorandum Of Agreement be approved as presented.



# ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND STANCLIFF CONSULTING

THIS AGREEMENT made the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016 between the Alaska Gateway School District ("District") and David Stancliff of Stancliff Consulting.

WHEREAS, the District needs lobbying interests represented in Juneau and local area;

WHEREAS, the District may need political, business and government organizations contacted; and WHEREAS, Stancliff Consulting has experience contacting, consulting and lobbying legislators on behalf of the District.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED between the District and Stancliff Consulting as follows and funded thru the account code 100.080.511.000.410:

- Stancliff Consulting will be hired thru the legislative session to contact legislators and lobby for District priorities as recommended by the superintendent and approved by the Board.
- 2. Stancliff Consulting will be paid a total of \$9,500 for lobbying fees during the legislative session.
- 3. Stancliff Consulting will be paid the District per diem rate of \$50/day for up to 16 days.
- 4. Stancliff Consulting will have a miscellaneous expense budget of \$300.
- 5. The District will reimburse for plane tickets and hotel costs related to preapproved travel.

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS of employment of Stancliff Consulting for lobbying services within the established timeframe shall be as follows:

- 1. Billings will be submitted after each preapproved travel up to limit of this MOA; and
- 2. David Stancliff shall not be provided District paid health insurance or District paid life insurance for the duration of this MOA.

Alaska Gateway School District PO Box 226 Tok, AK 99780 STANCLIFF CONSULTING PO Box 633 Tok. AK 99780

Todd Poage, Superintendent

David Stancliff, Lobbyist

"EDUCATING ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS."

To: Regional School Board Members
Alaska Gateway School District

**January 18, 2016** 

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 7

# ISSUE

Board Policy 4350 Certified Employees – First Reading

# **BACKGROUND**

- o Date change to reflect current Alaska Statute 14.20.140
- Current Alaska Statute below

Sec. 14.20.140. Notification of lay off or nonretention.

(a) If a teacher who has acquired tenure rights is to be laid off under AS 14.20.177 or is not to be retained for the following school year, the employer shall notify the teacher of the layoff or nonretention by writing, delivered before May 15, or by registered mail postmarked before May 15.

(b) If a teacher who has not acquired tenure rights is to be laid off under AS 14.20.177 or is not to be retained for the following school year the employer shall notify the teacher of the layoff or nonretention by writing delivered on or before the last day of the school term or by registered mail postmarked on or before the last day of the school term.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Move Board Policy 4350 to a second reading.

Certificated Employees BP 4350

Contracts BP 4351

After January 1, the Regional School Board may issue teacher contracts for the following school year. Contracts shall be approved by the Board and signed by at least two Board members.

Note: AS 14.20.145 grants automatic reemployment rights to teachers who are not dismissed or given notice of non-retention. Nontenured teachers must be given notice of non-retention by the end of the school year. Tenured teachers must be given notice of non-retention before <u>March-16 May 15</u>.

The Board shall give or mail reemployment contracts to teachers who are not dismissed or given notice of non-retention in accordance with law. If an employee fails to notify the Superintendent or designee within 30 days after receipt of a contract of reemployment that he/she accepts reemployment, the Board shall consider the employee to have declined reemployment and shall terminate the employee's services at the expiration of the existing contract.

# Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.20.130 Employment of teachers and administrators

14.20.145 Automatic Reemployment

14.20.158 Continued contract provisions

14.20.010 Teacher certificate required

14.20.020 Requirements for issuance of certificate

14.20.120 Statement of qualifications

14.20.215 Definitions

14.20.620 - 14.20.650 Interstate agreement on qualification of educational personnel-

Teacher qualifications

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 05.080 School curriculum and personnel

4 AAC 12.010-4 AAC 12.900 Certification of professional personnel

4 AAC 18.010 Teachers' and administrators' contracts

4 AAC 18.021 Employment of substitute teachers

To:

Members, Regional School Board

**Date: January 18, 2016** 

Alaska Gateway School District

From:

**Assistant Superintendent** 

Agenda Item: 8

**ISSUE:** 

Approve of District Physical Education Curriculum

# BACKGROUND

The district has received a Carol M. White Grant from the United States Department of Education that focuses on Physical Education for our students. The grant funds two itinerant Physical Education teachers who provide PE at each site. One of the requirements of the grant is that the district review and adopt a Physical Education Curriculum that meets National Physical Education standards. The Fit-4-Life Project has implemented the SPARK program, and we have trained staff in the use of it. Training for project specific staff and for all staff at District Inservices will continue throughout the duration of project. In addition, I have met with our evaluator, Ann Millard and with Tracie Wiesz, who is working as our Curriculum Coordinator, and have reviewed the SPARK curriculum alignment enclosed using the required PECAT review process.

# ADMINISTRATIONS RECOMMENDATION

Approve SPARK as the district's Physical Education K-12 Curriculum as aligned to National Physical Education Standards

# What is SPARK?

SPARK is dedicated to creating, implementing, and evaluating research-based programs that promote lifelong wellness.

SPARK strives to improve the health of children, adolescents, and adults by disseminating evidence-based <u>Physical Education</u>, <u>After School</u>, <u>Early Childhood</u>, and <u>Coordinated School Health</u> programs to teachers and recreation leaders serving Pre-K through 12th grade students.

Each SPARK program fosters environmental and behavioral change by providing a coordinated package of highly active curriculum, on-site teacher training, extensive follow-up support, and content-matched equipment.

# A Healthy Beginning:

The SPARK team began studying elementary physical education in 1989, and today, the name SPARK represents a collection of exemplary, research-based physical activity/nutrition programs. The original SPARK study was supported by the Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health and San Diego State University.

# **Results:**

Numerous refereed publications (over 45 to date) have reported SPARK physical education (PE) program effects, including papers showing evidence of achievement in the following variables (the number refers to the citation listed on the bottom of the page):

- Physical activity (1, 4, 5, 6)
- Physical fitness (5)
- Lesson context and teacher behavior (4)
- Academic achievement (7)
- Motor skill development (2)
- Student enjoyment of the program (3)
- Adiposity (6)
- Long term effects/institutionalization (4, 8)
- Process measures (parent behavior, teacher acceptance of program) (1)

# **Awards and Honors:**

- SPARK has been honored as an Exemplary Program of the U.S. Department of Education; featured in the Surgeon General's Report as a "School-based solution to our nation's healthcare crisis;" earned a "Governor's Commendation;" and in 2005, was awarded "Gold" (highest ranking) for their elementary and middle school PE programs in an independent study commissioned by the Cooper Institute. SPARK is the ONLY program to earn "PE Gold" grades K-8.
- SPARK was recently identified as a successful model for combating childhood obesity in the report, "Fighting Obesity: What Works, What's Promising" by the HSC Foundation. The report speaks of SPARK's history, practice, and methods. SPARK was the ONLY program recommended for physical education AND physical activity. Click Here for the full report.

- SPARK was identified by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as a national model for programs designed to increase physical activity and combat childhood obesity in their report School-Based Physical Education: An Action Guide.
- SPARK was chosen as a "Selected School-Based Intervention" in the report Preventing Childhood Obesity: Health in the Balance by the National Academy of Sciences

Following the research phase, the elementary PE program was expanded to focus on dissemination. Over the years, additional research has led to the creation and development of:

- Early Childhood (ages 3-5)
- Middle School PE (grades 6-8)
- After School (ages 5-14)
- High School PE
- Ignite a Healthy Environment
- · Wellness for Staff
- Nutrition Services
- Health Education
- SPARKuniversity
- Classroom Activity and Recess (SPARKabc's Activity Break Choices)

SPARK has expert trainers that travel the globe to conduct effective teacher workshops in the SPARK research-based programs. SPARK Certified Trainers bring SPARK to you, working with a single site, a cluster of sites, or entire districts/cities in an effort to improve the quantity and quality of physical activity/education. SPARK also offers Institutes in the summer to give educators in-depth training in sunny San Diego. SPARK has trained teachers representing more than 100,000 schools worldwide and facilitated or partnered in more than 20 research studies and special projects since 1989. Annually, SPARK conducts between 400-500 separate, contracted workshops, presents at over 60 professional conferences, and leads 7-9 Institutes. The compilation of these efforts results in more than 20,000 teachers trained and more than 1 million students effected each and every year!

SPARK is disseminated through <u>School Specialty</u>, <u>Inc.</u> School Specialty provides innovative products and programs to the Educational Marketplace, servicing the needs of teachers and schools to ensure students of all ages receive the scholastic support they need to advance their learning and reach their full potential.

The original SPARK <u>Physical Education</u> (PE) study was supported by the Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health. A team of internationally known researchers and educators were funded to create, implement, and evaluate new and innovative approaches to physical education content and instruction, then test them in "real world" settings.

SPARK PE was designed to be more inclusive, active, and fun than traditional PE classes, and SPARK was proven to work with both physical education specialists and classroom teachers. Today, after lessons learned from more than 20 years of

ongoing research and field testing nationwide, SPARK PE is one of the best physical education programs in the world – a true solution to our growing problem of overweight and obese children.

# SPARK's Positive Effects: Tested and Proven

Today, over 45 publications have documented the positive effects of SPARK PE -- such as:

- · Academic Achievement
- Increased moderate to vigorous physical activity in students (to over 50% of class time)
- Fitness achievement (as measured by the Fitnessgram test)
- Sport skills development (throw, catch, kick)
- Enjoyment of PE
- Improved teacher instruction (quantity and quality)
- SPARK effects are lasting (sustainability)

(For a complete list of publications, <u>Click Here</u>) (For a list of awards and honors SPARK has earned, <u>Click Here</u>)

# **SPARK Physical Education Programs**

SPARK PE includes the following evidence-based programs: Elementary Physical Education:

- 1. K-2 PE
- 2. **3-6 PE**

Secondary Physical Education:

- 1. Middle School PE
- 2. High School PE

University Methods Instructors:

- 1. SPARKuniversity Elementary PE
- 2. SPARKuniversity Secondary PE

Each SPARK program is a coordinated package of highly active curriculum, onsite staff development, extensive follow-up support, and expert selected, content-matched equipment.

**January 18, 2016** 

Alaska Gateway School District

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 9

# **ISSUE**

Districtwide Copiers/Scanners Replacement Bids

# **BACKGROUND**

- The Board approved posting this Request For Proposal during the October regular meeting
- The district solicited bids to replace the school copiers at all seven school sites as well as the central office
- o All vendor bids were submitted in writing by December 1, 2015
- These upgraded copiers would be tied into a yearly contract for service and support at the rate of no less than 700,000 black and white clicks and 30,000 color clicks on a yearly cycle
- o The copiers were last replaced back in 2009 and exceeded usage expectations
- Now, these older copiers do not communicate well with current web based technology such as our newly implemented email system utilizing Gmail and are beginning to break down on a more consistent basis causing frustrations and wasted time for staff members
- Board approval is required to proceed with the acceptance of any bids since this will be an expense considerably higher than \$10,000
- o If an adequate bid is accepted from one of the vendors, the new copiers should have a useful lifespan of five to seven years
- The Technology Director, CFO and myself met to review the three RFPs submitted by vendors

# RECOMMENDATION

Approve the vendor selected by the committee.

# Bids for Copier

Vendor	Color ppm	BW ppm	Small ppm	Total w/trade in	Maintenance Contract
Boynton	50/45	65	42	47838	\$16,800 annual. Visit times scheduled plus determined by installed monitoring software.
Ricoh	45	60	31	47253	\$11,658.80 annual. Site copiers must be brought to Tok for service.
Konica Minolta	45	65	22	46500	\$5,600 plus travel costs.

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent

**January 18, 2016** 

Agenda Item: 10

# ISSUE

Districtwide Maintenance Vehicle Bid

# **BACKGROUND**

- The Director of Maintenance solicited bids for a new basic-level one-ton truck to be utilized mainly for hauling the heavier equipment and trailers as well as summer maintenance
- The last truck purchased for maintenance, five years ago, was a surplus 1991 one-ton from the Tetlin Wildlife Reserve that is beginning to wear out
- $_{\odot}$  The other two maintenance trucks were purchased in 2006 and 2010
- Board approval is required to proceed with the acceptance of any bids since this will be an expense considerably higher than \$10,000
- $\circ$  The bids are included in this section of the packet

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the purchase of a districtwide maintenance vehicle.

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Z1 OXFORD WHITE		473		
1 CLTH 40/20/40	315		SPARE TIRE/WHL2	
S STEEL		59H	HI MNT STOP LMP	NC
510A PREF EQUIP PKG			JACK	
.XL TRIM			AUX AUDIO INPUT	
.TRAILER TOW PKG		96V	XL VALUE PKG	595
572 .AIR CONDITIONER	NC			
996 .6.2L EFI V8 ENG		TOTAL	BASE AND OPTIONS	42460
44P 6-SPD AUTOMATIC	NC	TOTAL		42460
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VEHICLE ORDER CONFIRMATION

12/10/15 12:39:01

Dealer: F74548

2016 F-SERIES SD

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Order No: 0000 Priority: B1 Ord FIN: QU394 Order Type: 5B Price Level: 635 Ord PEP: 610A Cust/Flt Name: AK GATEWAY SC PO Number:

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.CRUISE CONTROL .AMFM/CD/CLK SP FLT ACCT CR FUEL CHARGE

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TOTAL BASE AND OPTIONS 42460 42460

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# Proposal

DATE:

December 9, 2015

TO:

Randy Warren

FROM:

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# Randy,

Please see the attached proposal for the 2016 Ford F-350 Crew Cab. This has everything you want, except there is no cruise control. Vehicle is in stock and ready for immediate delivery. Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Steve

# PRICE PROPOSAL FOR

# Alaska Gateway School District

# 2016 FORD F-350 CREW CAB 4X4

172" Wheelbase

Exterior:

Oxford White

Interior:

Steel Cloth 40/20/40

Engine:

6.2L EFI V8

Transmission:

6-Speed Automatic

Axle:

3.73 E-Locking

Tires:

LT245/75/R17 BSW All-Season w/ Spare Tire and Wheel

Options:

XL Trim

Air Conditioning Delete AM/FM Stereo w /Clock Trailer Tow Package Molded Black Cab Steps Extra Heavy Duty Alternator

Wheel Well Liners

Center High Mount Stop Lamp

Upfitter Switches Reverse Alarm

10800# Payload Package

Additional Equipment:

Full Winterize

FOB: Fairbanks

Total Price

\$33,852.38

License and Registration Fees

\$283.00

**Purchase Price Includes Government Fleet Incentive** 

Submitted By:

Steve Angel

Fleet Sales Manager December 9, 2015



Worthington Ford Fleet 431 Unga street , Anchoreage, AK, 99501 Office: 907-793-8213

# PRICE \$36,245 RANDY WARREN

12-09-2015

**2016 F-350, SD Crew Cab** 4x4 SD Crew Cab 8' box 172" WB SRW XL(W3B)

# 6.2L V-8 SOHC w/SMPI 316hp Major Equipment (Based on selected options, shown at right) SPECIAL ORDER STANDARD VEHICLE PRICE\$39,880.00 Selected Options

Rear locking differential driver selectable

TorqShift 6 speed automatic w/OD

- Brake assistance
- LT 245/75R17 E BSW AS S-rated tires
- Firm suspension
- Air conditioning
- AM/FM stereo with seek-scan
- Variable intermittent wipers
- Dual front airbags
- \* SecuriLock immobilizer
- Underseat ducts
- \* 60-40 folding rear split-bench
- \* Class V hitch
- \* Rear axle capacity: 7280 lbs
- Rear spring rating: 7000 lbs
- Frame Yield Strength 36000 psi

Fuel Economy

**City** 

# Exterior:Oxford White Interior:Steel

- \* Traction control
- Battery with run down protection
- Advance Trac w/Roll Stability Control

- Tachometer
- Steering-wheel mounted audio controls
- Front spring rating: 5200 lbs

- 4-wheel ABS

- Tinted glass
- Dual manual mirrors
- 17 x 7.5 steel wheels
- Driver and front passenger seat mounted side
- Reclining front split-bench seats
- Front axle capacity: 6000 lbs

\* Frame section modulus: 6.7 cu.in.

Cab to axle: 56.4"

MSRP

Order Code 610AN/C

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Wheels: 17" Argent Painted SteelIncluded

HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench SeatIncluded

172" WheelbaseSTD

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Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/Digital ClockIncluded

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Electronic Locking w/3.73 Axle Ratio\$390.00

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# Upfit Options

HWy

SUBTOTAL\$40,505.00

Destination Charge \$1,195.00

TOTAL\$41,700.00

Prices and content availability as shown are subject to change and should be treated as estimates only. Actual base vehicle, package and option pricing may vary from this estimate because of special local pricing, availability or pricing adjustments not reflected in the dealer's computer system. See salesperson for the most current information.

**January 18, 2016** 

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent

Agenda Item: 11

# ISSUE

Certified Personnel Actions

#### **BACKGROUND**

- o The District has been interviewing selected candidates since November
- The list of current certified vacancies was posted on the District and Alaska Teacher Placement websites
- After numerous rounds of interviews, the certified vacancies at Walter Northway School and Tok School were offered
- The two teachers begin after the holiday break
- $\circ$  The Hiring Committee recommends the hiring of these two teachers
  - Certified Personnel Actions:

Heather Gates

Upper Elementary/LA

Tok

Mariah Thomas-Wolf

**Upper Elementary** 

**Northway** 

# RECOMMENDATION

o Approve the Certified Personnel Actions as presented.

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent Agenda Item: 12

# ISSUE

o FY15 Financial Audit

# **BACKGROUND**

- $_{\circ}$  BDO prepared the FY15 Audit Report
- $_{\circ}$  Bound copies will be provided at the work session
- $_{\circ}$  BDO will provide a work session to review the audit and answer all questions

# **RECOMMENDATION**

 $_{\circ}$  The FY15 Financial Audit be accepted as presented.

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent Agenda Item: 13

# ISSUE

Superintendent Search Vacancy Announcement

# **BACKGROUND**

- The Board President, Board Members available and myself will be working on the superintendent's vacancy announcement with AASB on Tuesday at 1:30 PM via teleconference/webex
- The superintendent's vacancy posting will be distributed at the January Board meeting for review/revisions
- The superintendent's vacancy announcement will be posted after being approved at the January Board meeting
- O The announcement will be distributed to Board members when completed

# **RECOMMENDATION**

 Approve to post the Superintendent Vacancy Announcement as presented or revised during the Board meeting.

Alaska Gateway School District

From: Superintendent Agenda Item: 14

# ISSUE

Classified Reconsideration Request

# **BACKGROUND**

- Executive Session matter dealing with a confidential personnel issue
- Board Policy 4225.2 (b) Permanent Employees included in this section of the packet

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Pending outcome of executive session.

# **Permanent Employees**

- 1. The nature of the personnel action (suspension without pay, demotion, reduction of pay step in class, or dismissal);
- 2. The cause or causes therefore as set forth above;
- 3. The specific acts or omissions upon which the causes are based (if violation of rule, policy, or regulation of the district is alleged, the rule, policy, or regulation violated shall be set forth in the recommendation); and
- 4. The employee's right to appeal the recommendation and the manner and time within which his/her appeal must be filed.

In cases where the Superintendent or designee has determined that a permanent classified employee should be dismissed and that continuation of the employee in active duty status after a written recommendation of such personnel action has been issued would result in an unreasonable risk of harm to students, staff, or property during the time the proceedings are pending, the Superintendent or designee may order the employee immediately suspended from his/her duties without pay in conjunction with the recommendation of personnel action.

A permanent employee may, within five calendar days after receiving the recommendation of personnel action described above, file an appeal to the Board for reconsideration of the personnel action by submitting his/her request to the Superintendent or designee.

If the employee against whom a recommendation of personnel action has been filed fails to appeal within the time specified in these rules, the employee shall be deemed to have waived his/her right to request reconsideration.

At any time before an employee's appeal is finally submitted to the Board for reconsideration, the Superintendent or designee may, with the consent of the Board, serve on the employee and file with the Board an amended or supplemental recommendation of personnel action.

The Board may affirm, modify or revoke the recommended personnel action.

January 18, 2016

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent

**Superintendent's Report** 

# ISSUE

Superintendent's Report

# **BACKGROUND**

- Superintendent's report submitted in written form
- Article referencing President Obama's speech recognizing biomass project



# ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT P.O. BOX 226 TOK, AK 99780

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TODD POAGE, SUPERINTENDENT

# **MEMORANDUM**

January 7, 2016

To:

**Board of Education** 

RE:

Monthly Report

Welcome to the New Year! Below is an update pertaining to some of the issues I have been addressing since the previous Board meeting in November.

# Legislative Capital Projects

A list of legislative appropriations will be included for the regular meeting to discuss and/or approve and then submit to our state senator and representative thru a capital projects website named CAPSIS. This will be the sixth year submitting capital projects thru an online format as well as handing out the requests during lobbying visits to Juneau. Our list last year included four projects from an Organic Rankine Cycle Energy System; Multipurpose Building Heat Loop; Automated Facility System Software and construction funds for a Regional Residential Learning Center. None of these four requested appropriations were funded. We upgrade the automated facility software at Tok School out of the general operating budget last spring. This year the forecast on the hill is one of limited resources and funding as reflected by the lower than projected price for a barrel of oil. The legislators for our area this year will be Senator Click Bishop (District C) from Fairbanks and Representative David Talerico (District 6) from Healy.

# Districtwide Copier Request For Proposal

The Technology Director, CFO and myself met to review the three RFPs submitted by vendors. A recommendation will be made to approve the selected vender and pursue the purchase of new copiers districtwide. This is an Action Item on the agenda.

# Work Session

A work session will take place prior to the regular meeting at 5:00 PM to review the FY15 Fiscal Audit by the accounting firm BDO.

# **District Vehicle**

The Director of Maintenance solicited bids for a new basic-level one-ton truck to be utilized mainly for hauling the heavier equipment and trailers as well as summer maintenance. The last truck purchased for maintenance, five years ago, was a surplus 1991 one-ton from the Tetlin Wildlife Reserve that is beginning to wear out. The other two maintenance trucks were purchased in 2006 and 2010. The bids are included in the packet. This is an Action Item within the Agenda.

# Board Seat (G)

The Board member that was elected to Seat (G) of Section IV representing the Boundary/Chicken/Eagle area resigned before the November Board meeting. This Board seat vacancy has been posted for the required amount of time and all candidates will be submitted to the Board during the January regular meeting. At this time there is one candidate for the vacancy.

"EDUCATING ALL STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS."

# Lobbyist

Met with the District lobbyist, Dave Stancliff, to discuss capital project requests and the amount of funding that may be available during an election year. An MOA to hire a District lobbyist for the 2016 session is an Action Item within this month's agenda. If approved, the lobbying fees would remain exactly the same as last year. The District may also have the opportunity to split travel costs with AP&T again this year. The District lobbyist will be in attendance at the January Board meeting to discuss the upcoming legislative session.

# **Articles**

Wrote three articles for various newspapers and a newsletter on the importance of preschool, attendance and small schools as well as the President's speech referencing our biomass facility.

# Vacancies

At this time, there still remains an Itinerate Special Education vacancy. After numerous rounds of interviews, the certified vacancies at Walter Northway School and Tok School are filled. The hiring of these two teachers will be an Action Item within the agenda.

# Alaska Teacher Job Fair

The Alaska Teacher Job Fair is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March this year. Registration and all other arrangements have already been secured for the District. The Board will need to decide which members will be attending to assist with the interviewing process.

# Greenhouse

A group of six met to review the 2<sup>nd</sup> Farm to School grant the district recently received as well as plan for future greenhouse operations. We discussed plant rotations, foods and quantities needed by the lunch program, upgrades utilization of grant funds, scheduled plantings, hydroponics, layering, two story beds, mulch bins and deliveries of available produce to sites. A second meeting for those directly involved in the project occurred on January 6. A presentation is scheduled for the January Board meeting.

# **Interior Superintendents Meeting**

A group of superintendents from Denali, Fairbanks, Nenana, Delta and Yukon Koyukuk are exploring methods to reduce expenses by sharing resources such as staffing and energy purchases.

# Policy Manual

Updated all areas of the policy manual recently approved by the Board and emailed the manual to all administrators and Board members as well as replacing the older version on the district's website.

# Paperless Board Meetings

This month marks the third full year of paperless Board meetings.

# NCAA Division III Celebratory Signing

Attended Aubrielle Champagne's NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Celebratory Signing Ceremony at Tok School. Aubrielle signed a Letter of Intent to accept a scholarship to play hockey for the NCAA Division III University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets next season. This is an exceptional accomplishment that highlights not only athletic skills but also academic achievement required for entrance into a college program.

If you have any questions, concerns and/or additions to the agenda, contact me at your earliest convenience. Thanks

Todd Poage, Superintendent

# "That's a good story!" - President Barack Obama

By Todd Poage, ASA Past President; Superintendent, Alaska Gateway School District

During President Obama's primetime speech on Energy Policy in Kotzebue, Alaska, on September 2, 2015, he dedicated a few sentences to highlighting the Alaska Gateway School

District's biomass project at Tok School. The President spoke about how energy cost savings were being used to reemploy staff members key to the success of the district: "In the town of Tok, the school district replaced its expensive diesel heating and power systems with one fueled by biomass," explained the President. "They saved enough money to rehire the counselor, music teacher and the boiler operator. That's a good story!" How many opportunities do we have to build a project from inception and then hear the President of the United States herald the results during a primetime broadcast? Being mentioned by the President was just exhilarating for all of us who worked on this project!

Below is a web link to a two-minute video clip of President Obama's speech: <a href="http://agsd.us/docs/">http://agsd.us/docs/</a>
<a href="http://agsd.us/docs/">PresidentObamaSpeaksOnBiomass.mp4</a>

# From Forest Fires to School Lights and Heat

In the tiny Interior community of Tok, where temperatures have hit 80 degrees below zero and heating and providing power to Tok School used to run the district nearly \$350,000 a year in fuel costs, students are now being warmed by renewable waste wood. This cutting edge energy system is the continuation of a nine-year effort by the district in partnership with Tok Area Forestry (TOF), the Tok Community Umbrella Corporation (TCUC),



and the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA). Through grant and legislative funding, the district was able to build a state-of-the-art, wood chip-fired heating and power facility to provide renewable energy for many years. When the district added the electrical generation component to the system, Tok became the first school in the nation to generate both heat and power using biomass. Since then, we have been actively researching, seeking, and finding the appropriate technology and funding to continue developing the project.

Nearly \$3.5 million in grants from the Governor, Legislature, Alaska Energy Authority, and others were obtained to plan, construct, and facilitate development of the system that provides heat and power for the Tok School complex. Grant funds were also secured to purchase a log-loading trailer to transport timber, a grinder to produce chips, a loader to move chips, a chip storage barn to keep fuel dry, and a steam turbine to generate electricity, as well as a greenhouse, processing center, diesel back-up generator, LED

lights, and upgraded facility operating software. Most of the biomass for the project comes from timber cut as part of the grant-funded state Division of Forestry wildfire fuels mitigation program, which creates defensible space around Tok and reduces hazardous fuels in the area.

Although the biomass facility has been providing heat to Tok School for the past five years, the district is beginning only the third full year of producing electricity, so refining the process to maximize efficiencies is still ongoing. When all aspects of this project are completed and power is being generated at goal levels of 60 kW during seven months of the year, and the sports facility is heated with biomass, our savings will be in the range of \$250,000 per year (while still contracting locally for chips). Through these projects, the district is currently keeping in the community, each year, \$325,000 that would otherwise have left the state to pay for fossil fuels.

The district is pleased with the continued savings and increased efficiency in heating and electrical power generation that comes from the biomass project. The current total savings of just under \$155,000 is mainly utilized to supplement the regular instructional program. Savings will grow as the plant moves from producing 25-40 kW to 40-60 kW, begins to heat more facilities, and utility costs increase. The more heat the biomass facility can displace, the greater the amount of electricity will be produced. Since we added the greenhouse in the summer of 2014, more electricity is being produced because of the increased heat demand required from the biomass facility.

The greenhouse, which is heated for nine months and powered for seven months of the year through the biomass facility, provides fresh produce to the seven schools within the district. Utilizing renewable energy to grow fresh vegetables for the lunch program will not only yield additional savings, but will connect the goodness of fresh food with the energy growing naturally in our backyards. The district also works in partnership with the interior Alaska Campus - Tok Center, a branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, to provide hands-on curriculum experiences for all students and interested adults within our seven communities. Our next proposal is to run a heat loop to the sports facility, located a few hundred yards from the biomass plant. We also expect to be adding a second greenhouse. A legislative appropriation will be submitted again this session for grant funding to complete these projects. Our district biomass project is ef-

fectively reducing the costs of heat and power, helping to reduce the community's vulnerability to wildfires, creating new local jobs, and improving economic development. Now, that's a good story!



**Alaska Gateway School District** 

**Financial Report** 

**January 18, 2016** 

From: CFO

# ISSUE

o Financial Report

# **BACKGROUND**

- o CFO's report submitted in written form
- The FY16 budget serves as the current financial statement

January 7th, 2016

TO:

Regional School Board

FROM:

Robbie MacManus

CFO

RE:

January Board Report

Welcome to January 2016! We have much on our plate this month; W-2's, quarterly wage and 941 reports, rolling over the calendar year, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly reports for the fiscal year, FY16 Impact Aid application which is due on 01/31/2016 and we also have to put out a Pupil Transportation RFP for the bus contracts which end 06/30/2015

I was able to attend the annual Alaska School Business Official's conference in Anchorage December 6-8th. I have not been able to attend this conference for four years. It was nice to be able to attend and reconnect with colleagues that I normally work with online or over the phone. There were many topics covered, including the Affordable Care Act, Impact Aid, Retirement issues, Pupil Transportation, GASB 68 Accounting Principles. There were many round tables discussions concerning reporting requirements, upcoming changes, budgeting issues etc.

We will be sending an RFP out for our Pupil Transportation contracts no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. We hope to have this process completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

We received word from Juneau in December of our final Oasis count. For the first time since I have worked in the Business Office there were no duplicate students. It is a meticulous job making sure that all students are entered with all of the different reporting requirements that are now in place. Thank you to Candy Thurneau for her Oasis reporting! Our total student count with REACH students included is 370.30 students, we claimed 18 intensive students, and two of these are being contested by the State. Our Special Education Coordinator is working on this issue.

Our Audit is finally complete, we should have the bound copies by the time we have our work session on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our fund balance increased from \$851,556 to \$1,177,460 this is an increase of \$325,904. Over all we had a good fiscal year 2015.

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To: Regional School Board Members Alaska Gateway School District

**January 18, 2016** 

From: Superintendent

**Assistant Superintendent's/Directors' Reports** 

#### ISSUE

Assistant Superintendent's and Directors' Reports

#### **BACKGROUND**

o Assistant Superintendent's and Directors' reports submitted in written form



# ALASKA GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Assistant Superintendent

# Regional School Board Memorandum

Date: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

To: Superintendent & the Regional School Board From: Scott MacManus, Assistant Superintendent

RE: Activities Report for November, December and Janaury

 Evaluation Project – There are some revisions that we are having made to the evaluation project, and so our presentation is being put off until the February meeting.

Professional Development – We are sending 7 staff to the RTI conference in Anchorage as part of the
 All of our new teachers have now completed the UAF course taught by Tracie Weisz on using the district's writing curriculum. We are also sending several teachers to the Alaska Science and

Technology Conference.

o **Instructional Coach/Itinerate Teacher** – Due to our READY! grant, we have been able to combine funding to increase our student intervention ability, and assign our itinerant teacher as an intervention teacher to Tok School, and have the full time instructional coach be able to pick up more staff development and school improvement time.

February Inservice - The district-wide inservice scheduled for February 12 is an all day training on

the "Responsive Classroom".

o **FY16 ESEA** We are finalizing application revisions, and are nearly completed with the process in order to get EED approval. Their program manager quit in December, which has delayed approvals.

Perkins

- School Improvement Grant The district received a small grant from the EED of \$25,000 each to Tanacross and Tetlin, which will fund a trained reading intervention aide and training for both aides and teachers in the use of the Sonday Reading Intervention program (which is an Orton-Gillingham based intervention system). This is a continuation of our School Improvement Project from last year.
- Fit-4-Life (Physical Education Grant) We were informed by the US Department of Education that we will need to send a team to the SHAPE conference in Minneapolis in April for grant training and to attend the national Physical Education conference, so we are making plans for that. New rules for the project also require the district increase the size of our matching funds, which I am working on identifying now. At this point we will be able to allocate salary and curriculum purchases.
- Gateway READY! We have started the preschool program in cooperation with HeadStart in Tok, and are partnering with TCC on early childhood programs in Tetlin and Northway, and are working now to have Gateway READY! fully operational, and are looking at how to leverage the staffing changes.
- o **AGSD Biomass Projects** Our steam engine was shipped to Idaho, and is currently being gone through, where it will be rebuilt, with all bearings and windings being replaced. We are making plans for the summer installation and are working with the contractor to determine the best and most economical location for generator.

**General** – As has been the case these past several months, much of this month's time has been committed to personnel issues. I have been spending some time reviewing our FLMA policy and developing forms that will help us meet those FMLA and AFLA requirements. We are continuing to look at addressing the policy conflicts that exist, and a revamp of our classified personnel tracking system.

"Where Teachers Are The Gateway To Learning"

DotLake 907-882-2663 Fax: 907-882-2112 Eagle 907-547-2210 Fax: 907-547-2302

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Tok 907-883-5161 Fax: 907-883-5165 Tanacross 907-883-4391 Fax: 907-883-4390 Tetlin 907-324-2104 Fax: 907-324-2114 To: Regional School Board

From: Randy Warren Maintenance Director

**RE: November and December Board Report** 

The Maintenance Department accomplished a lot over the last two months, we have been going to all of the schools doing the PM's and work orders coming in, and I have been taking the Maintenance Tech to the schools that have been having heat problems and giving him training on how to work on the boilers and furnaces.

I had the schools send in a list of items that they would like to see fixed over Christmas break, with no one being in the schools it gave us a chance to do some maintenance without interrupting the students and teachers, and it gave me a chance to give the custodians and maintenance staff the annual training they need.

Northway teacher house: We had to replace a broken water pump and cut holes in the walls and ceiling to thaw out frozen water pipes, we had it fixed and ready for the new teacher to move in.

The hockey rink we fixed a couple of doors that were not closing very well, it is ready for hockey season now.

# Technology Board Report January 2016

We are still waiting to receive a funding decision on Internet service for ERate. It sounds like everybody who is working under a new contract this year is going through a relatively intense review process. The ERate folks have let the state ERate rep know that the currently unfunded districts in the state are in the cost effectiveness review part of the process.

I have completed our 470 form for reimbursable services through ERate for next year. We are currently waiting for the ERate folks to announce when the application window will open. The application process is drastically different starting this year, and they are apparently still working out some bugs in the new web interface.

The new wireless devices we were funded for through ERate have been configured, and are beginning to be deployed to sites. These wireless devices are much more robust than our existing systems, and work through a central controller. In order to provide a cost effective server implementation to run these devices I created a virtual web services account with Amazon that allows us to run the controller software without having to purchase or maintain our own server equipment. The traffic created by the system is low enough that I was able to utilize the free service level for this virtual server.

We have received bids for ERate category 2 services including new Power over Ethernet switches and battery backups. We have not yet selected vendors for these services. We also received bids from three different companies for new copiers. Mr. Poage, Mrs. MacManus and myself reviewed the bids, and are recommending the board accept the proposal from Boynton's. Boynton's is our current copier provider.

The new Chromebook implementation has been going very well. The new devices are proving to meet our needs at a much better level than the iPads, and at a better price point. In order to build our capacity and better utilize the resource I would like Tracie Weisz and myself to attend a Google training in Windsor California on April 8th-10th. This training would allow us to utilize the Google tools and administrative portal more completely. The workshops are set up as

sectionals that cover material relevant both to IT administrators and classroom teachers. There are no similar workshops offered in Alaska at any time in the year. This timing would also allow me to attend the mandatory Farm to School grantee meeting the next week in Texas without requiring an additional flight out of Alaska. I would ask that the board consider approving this out of state travel request.

# Farm to School Update:

We have received a Farm to School Federal Implementation Grant for \$95,231. We were one of 16 organizations across the country selected for this level of grant, and remain the only school district in the state to be awarded either a planning or implementation grant. The goal of this program is to increase the percentage of Alaskan sourced foods served in our Child Nutrition programs. The grant will focus largely on building our food production capacity via the greenhouse in Tok and hydroponic/aeroponic growing. The grant requires attendance at a mandatory grantee meeting to be conducted in Texas in April.

I request that the board accepts this grant.

Report to the Regional School Board Alaska Gateway School District January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Prepared by LeAnn Young, Special Education Coordinator

The New Year is upon us and the special education department has hit the ground running. We currently have 52 special education students, 7 gifted and talented students and 12 students in the intervention process.

#### **Trainings:**

- The Special Education Services Agency (SESA) presented a daylong training on Autism for special education paraprofessionals and teachers on December 7th at Tok School. paraprofessionals and two teachers participated in this training. The training was beneficial and staff felt like they gained knowledge and insight into strategies to help the students they work with. The SESA specialist then visited sites and worked with the paraprofessionals and their autistic students.
- The statewide special education conference is coming up in early February and several district special education staff will be attending.

### **Specialists:**

Several specialists who contract with our school district have conducted their required visits and have met with students and staff to cover services required in student IEP's.

- E-therapy continues to work well. There are students at all of our sites who have goals in the area of speech & language. This includes pre-school students in both Northway and Tok. We have E-therapy services 2.5 days per week.
- Deb Fortune, speech pathologist, was in the district the week of January 4th. She visited sites and worked with paraprofessionals and REACH Academy parents on providing quarterly supervision for students with speech and language goals.
- Chris McDonald, Occupational Therapist was in the district the week of December 7th, 2015 and will return the week of January 25th.
- Ruth Lyles, Physical Therapist, was in the district the week of December 7th, 2015 and will return the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Frank Satterwhite, Psychologist, was in the district the week of December 7th, 2015 and will return in early March.

# **Current Projects:**

- Special education staff are working on reporting IEP goal progress to families for all students on IEP's in coordination with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter school progress reports.
- The district is investing in a new IEP student management system called TIENET. It is powered by PowerSchool so we are excited about the prospect of having ONE student management system. We have high hopes that this program will make communication and information flow much more streamlined.
- Tok School will be implementing a Gifted and Talented program at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for those students identified.
- The job for the Mentasta/Itinerant special education teacher remains posted. We have hired an aide to cover the position in the interim.

# **November 2015 Biomass Report**

Boiler ran flawlessly for the entire month.

Did have two after hours call outs unrelated to actual boiler problems.

Moved trees from Clearwater the first week of the month.

Moved trees from Borealis in a cooperative agreement with Forestry on the last two weeks of the month.

Metavic self loading log trailer broke on the 19'th of the month. The main boom ram blew and caused enough damage internally that a rebuild wasn't possible for a reasonable amount.

School loader broke down the 28'th of November which led to a delay in turbine start in order to conserve fuel. The diagnostic system indicated that the electronic shift control module was faulty. Replacing that part did not fix the problem, after which I replaced the transmission speed sensor.

#### **Biomass Five Year Plan**

(or items I intend to pursue)

#### Year 2015/2016

Install new steam engine generator

Finish design work for the hockey rink heat loop. If budget allows trench heat pipes to the hockey rink using in house labor. (Estimated cost of 25,000-30,000 in materials)

Begin pursuing funding to install a portage/maine biomass system in Northway

Build combined office and toilet facilities onto processing building

Install hydroponic unit onto processing building

### 2016/2017

Finish heat loop to hockey rink if not completed during the prior summer

Design and begin work on administrative office space near biomass heat source

Install bio boiler in Northway

Price 25kw solar array for Northway, search for funding.

### 2017/2018

Install solar array at Northway.

Price 25kw solar array for Tok School

Continue work on a combined administrative/maintenance office space.

# 2018/2019

Continue construction of administration building

Install 25kw of solar on Tok School

# 2019/2020

Finish administrative offices



Date:

January 4, 2016

To:

Regional School Board

From:

Pam Gingue 16-Program Coordinator

#### PRESCHOOL:

■ Tetlin - TCC Head Start decided to change program options to a home-based program for ages 0-5 and their families; Change was made due to very low class attendance; AGSD Teacher Aide will be working in the early elementary classroom and with transition activities for preK aged children beginning this semester at a date yet to be determined; Northway currently has 11 children ages 3-5 enrolled in a center classroom model;

★ Held orientation for READY! for Kindergarten parent classes in Tok in mid December; Plan is to schedule RFK classes for Northway families;

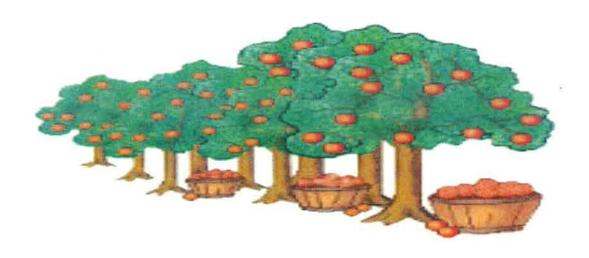
#### TESTING:

- ★ W-APT screenings completed for LEP; Students not scoring at designated level will be given full LEP assessment during testing window in Feb./March; LEP testing will be online for grades 3-12 this year;
- ★ In Dana Grimm's absence, I will travel to school sites for AIMsWeb and MAP assessments;

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Will be attending TCC Head Start Policy Council meetings as community representative January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19th; Policy Council is made up of parent representatives plus community representatives from the TCC Head Start program sites;
- ♣ Hold first classes for READY! for Kindergarten parent program for children ages 2-3; ages 3-4; and ages 4-5;
- **♦** Conduct test practices with students at school sites for online LEP testing for grades 3-12.

# January Board Report Loretta Fitting Child Nutrition Coordinator



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

- The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable has been fun and exciting!! Recently there have been persimmons, pomegranates, and FRESH 5 days from the tree oranges! In the coming weeks there will be Rutabaga, guava, sweet peppers, and Brussels sprouts. It is always fun to hear about the kids trying the new items.
- We won the prize for submitting our menu for the Local Food Day lunch we served on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Included in the prize were some stuffed characters in the shape of fruits, some dry erase "what's for lunch" posters, and some stickers.
- Was able to take advantage of the two-week break and get the new Dot Lake cook trained up on all the State of Alaska videos! YAY!
- I took the rest of the vacation off! And it has been a areat first week back!

# The Gateway Greenhouse January 2016 Board Report

The greenhouse heat was shut down the last week of December and will be back on the third week of January. Prior to the shut down I focused on soil building, hoping that when the heat is up and beds are thawed they would be ready to plant. The three composting bins inside the greenhouse do not produce enough for our needs and I am happy to hear that composting is being talked about and a new plan may be in the works.

I continue to work with the hydroponics units, and through trial and error, I am learning. Daily testing for the pH level in the units is needed and adjustments must be made often. The processing building may be a bit too warm for lettuces. They do better in cooler temperatures. However, lettuce is growing. I tried growing some cilantro and basil in one unit. The cilantro did grow, but many of the leaves developed dry, brown edges. I believe it was a pH issue. Better and larger quantity hydroponics capabilities are being talked about.

Yesterday, Jason Fastenau and I met with Loretta Fitting and Anthony Lee. We identified core crops that would be best for meeting requirements of the food service program and for the utilization of our growing spaces. We determined items that are not cost effective to grow as well as a planting schedule that we hope will provide a more steady bounty for use in our schools while cutting down on loss and non-use.

Bonnie Emery AGSD Horticulturist January 7, 2016 Alaska Gateway School District

# COUNSELOR'S GUIDEPOST

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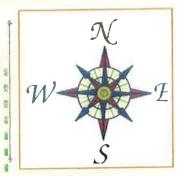
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- Jan. 14 WorkKeys testing @ Tetlin School (gr. 11)
- Jan. 18 WorkKeys testing @ Dot Lake School & REACH students (gr. 11)
- Jan. 27 WorkKeys testing @ Tok School & REACH students (gr. 11)
- Jan. 29- WorkKeys testing @ Northway School for REACH Academy (gr. 11)



#### SENIOR CHECKLIST

Apply to 1-3 colleges or training programs (AVTEC) you would consider attending. (Remember: some colleges waive the application fee if you apply early.) Arrange to meet with a military recruiter if you are considering that option.

☑Research scholarship opportunities and complete applications by deadlines. (Follow up on those emails Mrs. Lundy is sending you and check out scholarship opportunities on the counselor tab of the district web site.)

\*WorkKeys to improve scores. Go to www.act.org/qotd for free SAT and ACT practice material. \*WorkKeys practice tests are available online at <a href="http://www.act.org/workkeys/practice/">http://www.act.org/workkeys/practice/</a> for \$5 each.

# Jumpstart Your Career in Mining

Learn about this high wage occupation while earning college credit through UAS
Introduction to Mining
Mon. & Wed. (4:15-6:00)

Jan. 25-April 20

70 full-tuition scholarships being offered

(More opportunities available based on class success.)

For more information on mining careers go to Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) site:

> https://www.akcis.org/ OccInfo.aspx?

New Miners earn \$80,000 a year

#### Did You Know?

- 4 out of 5 jobs in Alaska do <u>not</u> require a 4-year college degree.
- Jobs DO require <u>base-level skills</u> where an individual can come in and be a valued employee of the organization from Day 1.

# **COUNSELOR'S GUIDEPOST**

\*WorkKeys is not like other tests, many of which measure how well prepared you are for college. Instead, WorkKeys gives you a better idea about your readiness for the workforce in general and for specific jobs and careers.

# How does this assessment benefit you?

- Enables you to see the importance of your courses in high school.
- Enables you to rank above other job applicants who do not have needed skills.
- Qualifies you for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (need total score of 13).
- · Increases the chances you will be hired after graduation.

Career Fields
That Promise
Opportunity in
Alaska include:

Health Maritime Construction Oil & Gas

Hospitality & Tourism

Mining

## TOK CLASSES

Jan. 6 - \*REACH

Jan. 7 - Gr. 3,7,11/12

Jan. 11 - Gr. 9/10

Jan. 13 - Gr. K, 5

- \*REACH

Jan. 14 - Gr. 6

Jan. 15 - Gr. 1, 2

Jan. 20 - \*REACH

Jan. 21 - Gr. 3,7,11/12

Jan. 25 - Gr. 9/10

Jan. 26 - Gr. 4

Jan. 27 - Gr. 5

- \*REACH

\*Byappointment

### 2016 Kids2College Participants:

Tok School - Gr. 5 Dot Lake School - Gr. 5 & 6 Northway School - Gr. 5 Mentasta School - Gr. 5

# Employers Who Use WorkKeys Scores for Hiring

To find a list of Alaska employers who are currently using WorkKeys scores in the hiring process go to: <a href="http://www.nwarctic.org/cms/lib/AK01001584/Centricity/Domain/507/Employers%20using%20NCRC%20Nov%202011.pdf">http://www.nwarctic.org/cms/lib/AK01001584/Centricity/Domain/507/Employers%20using%20NCRC%20Nov%202011.pdf</a>.

The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development CTE Office offers more information about the WorkKeys test and career exploration. Go to: http://careerready.alaska.gov/studentsparents.html.

# National Career Readiness Certificates

Platinum Certificate

Qualifies you for 30% of jobs in WorkKeys database

Qualifies you for 65% of jobs in WorkKeys database

Qualifies you for 90% of jobs in WorkKeys database

Qualifies you for 95% of jobs in WorkKeys database

# **Travel Dates**

Jan. 4 - Doi Lake

Jan. 5 - Mentasta

Jan. 6 - Eagle (Skype)

Jan. 8 - Northway

Jan. 11 - Tanacross

Jan. 12 - Mentasta

Jan. 14 - Tetlin

Jan. 18 - Dot Lake

Jan. 19 - Mentasta

Jan. 20 - Eagle (Skype)

Jan. 22 - Northway

Jan. 25 - Tanacross

Jan. 26 - Mentasta

Jan. 28 - Tetlin

Mrs. Lundy will be attending the District Testing Coordinator Meeting

in Anchorage Feb. 1 & 2 Traveling on Jan. 29 & Feb. 3

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To: District Board Members January 18, 2016

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent Principal Reports

#### ISSUE

o Principals' Reports

#### **BACKGROUND**

o Principals' Reports submitted in written form

# TETLIN WIND

# Athabascan Values: Sharing

We all had a great month of learning in December. Topping the list was an awesome competition between the third/forth, fifth/six, and the 11/12 graders in the Battle of the Books. Even though we are still over a month away from the actual competition we had a practice competition. Each of the three teams had to learn the authors name, book title of over 12 books. In addition, they had to answer comprehension questions based on the books they have read to obtain a correct answer. It was close for a while but the 5th/6th grade team came out victorious. Congratulations to Loren, James, and Preston for doing so well. We will have another competition in the near future. Let the Battle of the Books begin again. Robert Litwack Principal/Teacher

# January Calendar

14 Three on Three (Dot Lake)

15 End of the Quarter

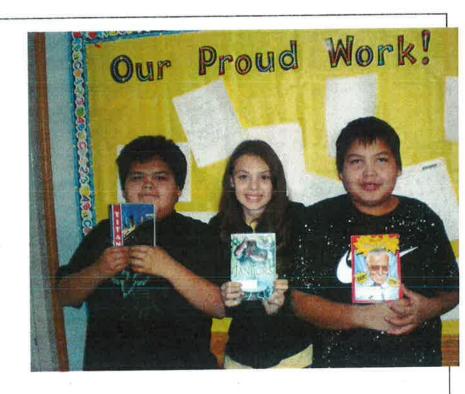
20 Rock climbing activity
(Tok school)

21 Student Recognition Activity

25 No School

27th and 28th Parent Teacher
Conferences

both days from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



# **End of the Semester**

It is that time of year when we realize that half of the year has gone by and only half is left. With that in mind remember that in order for a high school student to obtain credit for a semesters work need to not only have passing grades but must also have not missed more than 12 days of school. All students who attend can learn. If you are missing more than five days of school, unexcused, the truancy must be reported to the State Troopers. Do you best to keep your education important by being here at school.

# Here is some of the writing our students have been doing.

I thought the trip to New York was gonna be fun but it was the most tiring trip i've ever been on because we were mostly walking everywhere, when it was dinner we went to some BBQ place we all had ate chicken, which I didn't like because it tasted weird and different, so I didn't eat anything at all. After we ate, we went to walk to Times Square, there was a lot of people, lots of vehicles, it smelt like car exhaust and different food cooking, there was lots of different lights and big screens playing ads about different stuff.

The Toys R Us in New York was the biggest store they had, the one in Anchorage is a lot smaller, anchorage only had toys and video games, and the one in New York had a candy store with giant candy, a ferris wheel, and lots of different toys. We basically walked that whole toy store for i don't know how long we were there but after a while it got really boring because the kids were still walking or running around the store, so i sat down for a while, until they all came back so we can finally leave that building.

The broadway show Annie was alright I guess, I don't really know what did because most of the time during the show I was sleeping or not paying attention because we had to wake up at 4 or 5am that day so we can do all the things we had to do, but yeah I don't really know what happened in the play and got to have a strawberry smoothie, the only reason why we got to have them is to keep us awake during the play.

In New York we got to go on a ferry to see the Statue of Liberty, we didn't actually get to walk up to it and stuff but we floated around it and some person was telling all the people why we couldn't on the Island and telling us different things about the statue and during the way back to land, we were all sitting down and talking about different things, I was sitting by Loren, Alice, and Lydia. Loren was hyper and was playing "magic" tricks and making people laugh, it was funny on one of her tricks I was videoing her and then she told me to post it on Facebook so everyone else can see her magic trick.

In Central Park we walked around and looking at different trees and got ice cream, then we sat on a huge rock and looked at the view, it was actually nice sitting down for a while because that day we were walking around all day, we only stopped walking for lunch and back to walking again, it sucked but yeah in Central Park it's just like walking around in the woods but with no animals, no cement walking area, different trees, and less people walking around.

Julie Wright

# More Descriptive Writing



My first experience in New York City was so much fun that my head nearly exploded. The first thing I saw was a lot of people and cars! It was crazy because I didn't saw so much people in my life and that I almost got lost. We walked around for about 18 hours! My legs were hurting so much. We went to central park, watched Annie, walked around Times Square early in the day. We all had dinner at a BBQ place, we all had chicken but I didn't really eat it much. The scent there was a lot of car exhaust and different foods cooking. When I was walking all the sounds I heard was different languages, cars honking, and different instruments playing for singing. The food there was almost the same as it was in Fairbanks, Alaska. They had different restaurants. While we were there we did a lot of walking but to some places we took subway

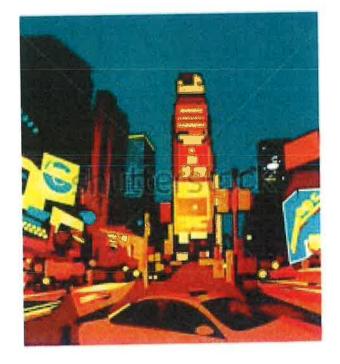
trains. The tickets felt like it was thin but also thick.

We went to a broadway show in New York City. We watched Annie. I slept through some of the parts. It was kinda of boring. The chairs there was comfortable so maybe that's why I slept. We all had strawberry smoothies and candy. I don't have much to say for this because I didn't really like it.

Before we wanted to go back to New Jersey because our hotel room was there. Our last stop walking to Times Square. The lights there was pretty because you can see big screens playing different ads, lots of street lamps, and a lot of car lights!

The lights in Times Square are amazing, it looked so pretty! It has a lot of blinking lights on buildings, a lot of street lamps, and also car lights. Of course when we were walking around I smelled car exhaust and lots of food cooking. The sounds I heard was people talking or singing songs so they can make

little money, cars beeping, and music playing so people can dance. The food we had in New York was a strawberry smoothie at the broadway show (we watched annie), we had mcdonald's but the food there tasted the same as it was in Fairbanks, Alaska. While we were in New York, we took a lot of subways trains, the tickets felt like it was thin but also thick. We went to a huge candy store, I touched a lot of candy! Hah, there was a huge candy bar where Shanon and I wanted to eat. After dinner we went to Times Square so we can see the lights how it looks at night. We also went to Toys R Us, it was huge! Allen, Tisha, and I touched a lot of toys. It was weird. I don't even know why we went there.



Shianna Joe



# Ms. Holmes

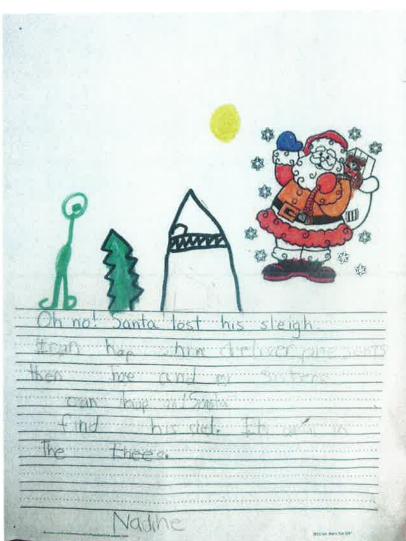
The K-2 class was very busy practicing for our Winter Concert in December. We memorized to words to Frosty the Snowman; Bring a Torch Jeanette, Isabella; and Mr. Sun, Sun. Shania made up a new verse for Mr. Sun, Sun that went: Mr. Snow, Snow, Mr. White Snow, please fall down on me.

During Art we made salt dough ornaments to give as gifts. We also made our own wrapping paper and Christmas cards.



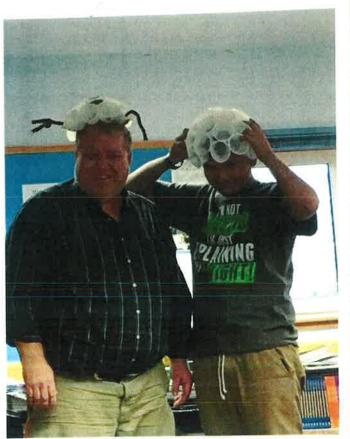


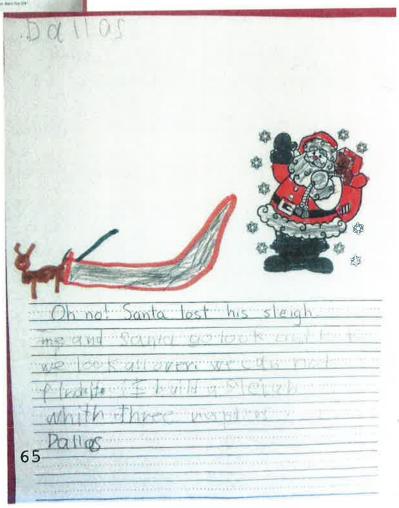
In Science we did an experiment with candy canes. We dissolved them in hot water, cold water, and vinegar. Can you guess which one dissolved first?





The Christmas Decorated Door Winners





# Mrs. O'Neil's class

# **Fictional Writing**

#### Catherine Captain 12/4/15

My character is from Mars. She was raised in Jupiter, but her family moved. It's an alien. Her name is Kelsey. She came down to my class to visit me she has a long tail, long blue hair, and beautiful blue dress. Her color is blue. My name is Catherine. I'm Kelsey's best friend we have so much in common i'm 12 years she is 18 hundred years old.

I have a problem with the road because the road is icy. Kelsey heard about the bad road when she got home. She called me and asked if the road was good. I said you need to come back down to earth. Kelsey said is the road all right. I said, "No it's really bad. It's icy."

Then we bought a whole lot of salt and poured it all over the road. Problem is that we forgot about all the snow. We got to push it off to the side where all the cars can be saved. Kelsey saved the road with salt. It all happened in two days.

Two years later she got thanks from the whole village of Tetlin. I came to visit her home it was very very cool. I went home I feel happy because my family is safer on the road because she saved Tetlin road. My alien went home to her planet. She lives in Mars again with her parents. She told her parents everything. They were really happy for her. Then she went back to jupiter to tell her other friends: Kelsey saves the day......

#### Loren Thomas 12/4/15

My name is Loren I am 11 years old I hope you all enjoy this story. My alien's name is Juipter. She's from planet Saturn. My alien came here in a space pod when she was young. My story takes place in the winter, it is the day after Christmas in Tetlin. Me and my mom we were taking a walk and I wandered a little too far. Then I saw it a tiny alien. She was about 5 years old, but in alien she's 100 years old. So I grabbed her and put her in my backpack and ran back to my mom. Then my alien opened a chips bag. I heard a crunching sound and I heard a pop open. I was like what the heck. Then I heard it burp. So we walked and we came up to Catherine's house. I asked my mom if I can use the bathroom at Catherine's. She said of course, i'll be waiting outside I said ok. So I walked in asked Lydia if i can use the bathroom, she said yeah it's right down the hall. So I walked down the hall, saw the bathroom, went into the bathroom shut the door, unzipped my backpack looked into my backpack and it was gone the only thing was in there was an empty chips bag and an empty pop bottle. Then I looked up and there she was. When I was done using the bathroom I walked out the door saw my mom then we walked back home went to bed. (In black 10 years later) My alien never changed a bit. She was always helping people. But there was one thing she couldn't fix THE ROAD. I have a problem with the road because of the weather. The road was muddy in summer, dusty in the fall, icy in winter, slushy in spring. But then she unlocked 5 special abilities. The names were destroy people in mind, lightning powers, read people in mind, helps with roads, and morphs into anything. They would help her with the road. So she went to the road and she thought the road will be nice and neat and it did. It was so beautiful people would come from miles around just to see our road. Then she told me I have to go back home to Saturn. So we rebuilt her space craft. Then she went back home. I felt so sad because it was like i raised her like my own and she left. But then she came back and she told me "I'll be back in three year fime." you know in alien.

Hello my name is Preston and my alien's name is Et. Et has a big head he is from Mars. He came to earth with his UFO.

He said do you have trash problems? I have a problem with trash because it's all over. He pulled out a machine. He said you can throw anything in the world into it.

He brought it to the dump. When we got to the dump, he said throw all of the trash in it and it will come out brand new. So I threw some trash in it and it did come out brand new. There was a lot of trash. It took us a week, then we were finally done. There was a lot of brand new stuff and we didn't know what to do with it.

Then I came up with an idea to give it out to the people of Tetlin. Then he said, "I have to go home now. I'm gonna leave the machine with you for the village." Then he said bye and he left with his UFO.

I was thankful he left the machine.

### James Wright 12/4/15

My creature teleported to Earth from Venus. I had night vision googles on so I can see him in his cloaking device. My creatures name is Brian. He is little and grey. He likes to eat fruit.

We are in Tetlin,Ak it is night here Tetlin is a Village with hills ,and trees there is a river,and lake there is a road to Tetlin. The dump is a messy place where bears find food ,and make a mess.

I had a problem with bears because they eat trash and make a mess. But the Creature had a resolution. By getting bears away from here. He used his teleporter.

He also helps us hunt while he is invisible. Me and My Creature are running from a giant bear.

My creature leaves back to Venus to visit his family I have a beacon to tell to come back or not.

# 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Grade News

December came to a close very quickly. We presented a play called "Christmas Vacations". Everyone participated in an afternoon learning and practicing NYO events. Several students then went to Northway to compete in a mini NYO competition. Loren Thomas placed 3rd in the Indian Stick Pull event.

We have been busy writing this past month. It is an area where we need a lot of practice. We have started a daily personal journal, where we are writing every day what is going on in our lives.

**Box Tops and Labels for Education** 

Thank you to everyone who has sent Box Tops and Labels for Education to the school. Please keep saving Box Tops and Labels for Education over the holidays. Encourage family and friends



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January 6, 2016

Honored board members

We all hope that you enjoyed a great and joyful holiday season and are looking forward to a spring season full of hope and fulfillment of dreams. Dot Lake has had a couple of months of

great progress and some awesome visitors. We have been visited by the Delta Health Nurse, and everyone was able to get their flu shots and any vaccines that were needed for compliance. Last week we were visited by the TCC traveling dental team, and everyone in the village was offered dental services for three days. The team offered to stay as long as necessary to complete the services, and we were grateful to have them stay in our building while they were away from home. We participated in the NYO in Northway and again were treated like royalty by the Northway staff and parents. We took high honors during the competition, and one of our students took home several 1st place ribbons. Two of the Dot lake Students brought home sportsmanship awards for their willingness to participate and their demeanor while competing. Honor and respect was the culture of the day and a great time was had by all.

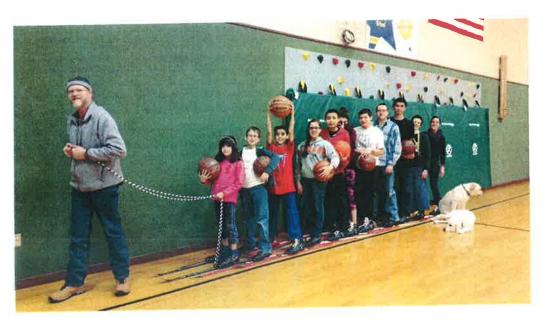


The results of the district writing assessments came back while we were heading out the door for Christmas break, and I am proud to say that 1 of my students will hopefully be competing for the year end awards as her writing was suitable for framing. As a group, we scored above the district average, and the students were excited that the effort they had made was worth it in the end.

Our Christmas dinner was a quiet affair, and the students loved the activities we shared. They wrote cards to people around the country and from other schools. Mr. Ski's mother, who lives in Colorado Springs, sent stockings packed with goodies to all the students at Dot Lake. It is her way of supporting the village and her favorite son from far away. We completed woodworking crafts and picture ornaments for all the parents. The children wrapped them and supplied candy with their crafts.

Looking back at the Thanksgiving dinner, we provided food for several village residents and some elders. We were blessed with parents who enjoyed dinner with their children, and the kids wrote their version of "The First Thanksgiving" based on the studies we did prior to the holiday. It was read to the visitors and was well received.





THE STUDENTS ARE "DRIVING MR. SKI" CRAZY!

MAPP testing started this week and the students groaned with excitement. The anticipation was so thick you could cut it with a chainsaw. Pam Gingue did a great job proctoring the tests, and thanks to some holiday effort, Jason Fastenau was able to get the network running efficiently for the tests. Our students here at Dot Lake are becoming more interested in the world and current events. We watch CNN Student News every morning and answer essential questions about the broadcast. I am truly amazed by the depth of the comments that I am hearing from my students, and my staff has become involved in the socratic questioning related to world events. If we are to prepare students to compete on a global level, we must think on a global level. I desire that each student leave here with the ability to walk into any global economy and be competitive.

Happy New Year from all of us at Dot Lake.

Jeff

Mr. Jeff Rebitski Principal/Teacher Dot Lake School

# REACH Academy

"Resources for Educating Alaska's Children at Home"

January 2016

# Important Dates

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1:20PM

**REACH Craft Time** 

WorkKeys Testing

Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM

Workkeys Testing

Jan. 31st

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup>

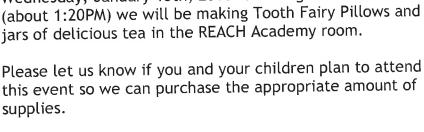
Semester

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> -

District Level Battle

Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

of the Books Battles



Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 following REACH PE time

**REACH Craft Time** 

Special thanks to Maryann Landers for coming up with this fun idea and putting it all together! If you're interested in putting together a special REACH Academy event or if you have an idea for an activity please let us know.



# Don't Forget!

REACH Academy students can attend REACH Academy P.E. time every Wednesday from 12:37PM - 1:21PM in the Tok School gymnasium.



# November 2015 Social

Thanks to everyone who attended our November REACH Academy Social!

Thanks to everyone who attended our November REACH Academy Social Event! We chowed down on a delicious Thanksgiving feast provided by the generous Tok School Cafeteria Staff. After lunch we took on a challenging rock wall obstacle course! Participants tested their balance, strength, and flexibility by climbing through hoops and maneuvering around posts that were attached to the rock wall. We will definitely plan another rock wall activity soon!



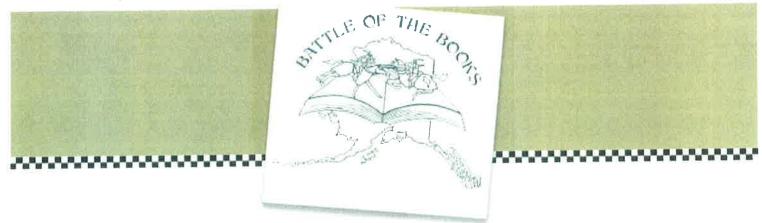
# Native Youth Olympics

Congratulations NYO district competition participants!

During one of our REACH Academy P.E. classes last month students learned about NYO and practiced some of the challenging events. Several REACH Academy students put their new skills to work and participated in this years NYO district competition at Northway School. Great job to everyone that competed!

The NYO Games were started in 1972. NYO consists of 10 events based on games past generations of Alaska Native people played as a way to test their hunting and survival skills, increase strength; maintain endurance, and learn to balance mind and body.

January 2016



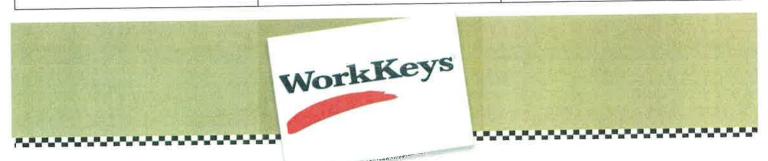
## Battle of the Books

#### District battles begin on February 8th

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan on participating in this years Battle of the Books district level competition. The district battles will take place in the Tok School library. Practice questions and books are available at the REACH Academy office.

The district level battle dates are as follows:

Kindergarten	9:00AM	February 29 <sup>th</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	11:00AM	February 29 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	1:00PM	February 29 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:00AM	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:00AM	February 10 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9:00AM	February 9 <sup>th</sup>
High School	9:00AM	February 15 <sup>th</sup>



## WorkKeys Testing

The Tok administration of the WorkKeys test is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM at Tok School in room 117. Every student in the state of Alaska must complete WorkKeys, ACT, or SAT prior to graduation. Please contact Mrs. Lundy to let her know which test you plan to take. You can reach Mrs. Lundy at 907-883-4347 or by email at dlundy@agsd.us with any questions or concerns.



## SCA Summer Programs

SCA offers incredible experiences for Alaska high school students!

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is recruiting students age 15-19 for summer trail work and environmental restoration projects. Students from all over Alaska convene to camp out, build trails, cookout, and share work and life skills with each other. Two adult crew leaders supervise teams of eight crewmembers. Students are given a \$500 stipend at the successful completion of their four weeks of service. Outdoor gear and food is provided. Need-based transportation stipends are available to Anchorage, where crews will launch.

Summer start dates begin in June and July. Some students will be invited to a weekend orientation near Anchorage this spring. To apply, students must visit www.thesca.org/akcrew and complete a Youth: Crew application. Applications submitted prior to March 1 will be given priority for the spring orientation. After that, crewmember openings are open until filled.



# End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Just a reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter/1<sup>st</sup> Semester ends on January 31<sup>st</sup>. That means it's time to start thinking about what supplies, curriculum, and other materials you need for the second half of the school year. Please contact Lauren at 907-883-2591 or Islane wagsd, us with your purchasing requests.

Don't forget to check out all the great supplies that are available to be checked out from the REACH Academy Resource Center!

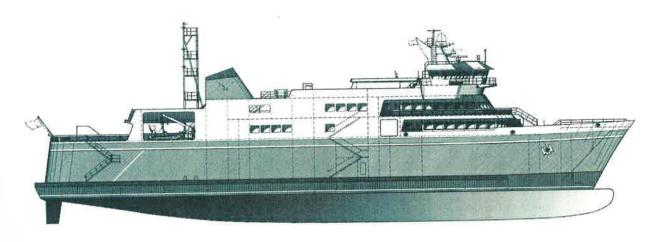
Remember that all reimbursement requests are due before the end January so that reimbursements can be processed and checks can be mailed out at the beginning of February.

# NAME THE FERRY

## ALASKA CLASS FERRY PROJECT

# Play a part in making state history by naming one of the new Alaska Class Ferries.

The winner will be awarded special recognition by Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Mallott!



# Entries due March 15th, 2016

The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, in cooperation with the Office of Governor Walker and the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS), invite you to participate in the Name the Ferry essay contest. Each AMHS vessel has been named after one of 745 named glaciers in the state, leaving several choices to author a qualifying essay for entry in the contest. Participants must be in the 6th through 12th grade and complete an essay with a minimum of 400 words, that includes a suggested name with supporting evidence about why that name is most appropriate. Two winners will be awarded: one winner will come from grades 6-8 and one from grades 9-12. Each winning essay will be displayed on the ferry it names! For full details on the contest, please visit FerryAlaska.com/contest.



## HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS: APPLY NOW!



#### Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference at the Newseum

#### JUNE 18-23, 2016

The purpose of the Al Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference is to promote the vital role of the First Amendment as a cornerstone of democracy and to inspire students to pursue journalism careers. High school juniors who will graduate in spring 2017 are encouraged to apply for the 2016 all-expenses-paid conference at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

- All-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- \$1,000 college scholarship
- Meet and learn from peers and leading media professionals



"The program has given me every tool necessary to have a successful career in journalism and the confidence to pursue this career."

Neha Ramani, 2012 Indiana Free Spirit Scholar

Applications are now being accepted. Don't delay! Visit freespirit.org to learn more and apply online.

#### NEWSEUM INSTITUTE

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# The ECS Times

#### Principal's Report

4-H Family Night-- Jan. 25th at 5 p.m.

Parents & Community are invited to attend 4-H demonstrations offered by ECS students. Students will demonstrate their unique skills learned while participating in 4-H projects. Dinner will be served after the presentations, compliments of Marla Lowder, UAF 4-H & Youth



## Eagle Soars to the Top

Eagle students have a lot to be proud of; they recently received news of their spring AMP scores and their fall Writing Assessments. Eagle landed top spots in the district! The Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) are more challenging and more engaging than former standardized tests. This computerized assessment measures higher-order thinking skills and has more rigorous standards than previous tests. Eagle students surpassed the district's percentage of "Meets the Standards" in both Language Arts and Math and Eagle students surpassed the state's "Meets the Standards" percentage in Math. The fall AGSD Writing Assessment results are also clear, Eagle students surpassed the district's average in all six writing trait evaluations. These students should be commended for their exemplary academic achievements. Congrats!

You make us all so proud!

## Spring 2015 AMP DATA

	Language Arts 15	Math 15
Eagle	31%	38%
AGSD	18%	15%
State	35%	31%

#### Save the Date

Jan. 15- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends

Jan. 22- Parent Conferences, no school for students

Jan. 19- Map Testing Dates

Jan. 25- 4-H Family Night; Presentations @5 p.m. & Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 8-12 Yukon Quest Week



116<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bird Count Results

Thank you to the students and community members who participated in the bird count. Total species reported was 14.

## Christmas Performances Applauded

ECS Students hosted their annual Christmas Program on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. The secondary students performed a play by Donald Payton, *Muggsy's Merry Christmas*. 9<sup>th</sup> grader, Josh Beaucage, had the starring role of Muggsy and opposite him was Ian Malcolm as Elmer. The full cast included: Violet Burnette, Alex Helmer, Sunny Hemen, and Valerie Smith, all of whom solicited an auditorium of laughter throughout this entertaining piece. Kudos to our aspiring young actors!

Elementary students performed a play entitled, Silver Cones for Christmas. These young actors memorized all of their lines and helped make their own costumes! Thomas Malcolm stole the show as the magical elf. Taylor Beaucage had the starring role of the mother. Opposite her was Mattie Volkheimer as her child and Shannon McDougall as the father of the family. Syrianna Winkel did a tail-wagging good job as the dog and Ty Scott surprised the audience by playing a townsman among them. Great job to these students!

Shian Scott and Kirsten Nelson performed a hilarious account of Santa Claus, by Diane Jackman. The audience roared at their antics. Bravo girls!

Kindergarteners Flora McDougall, Jude Shangin and Bryce Sharpe along with first grader, Paul Shangin, sang and danced their way into everyone's heart. The 4-H Music Club performed beautiful songs that put all of Eagle in the holiday spirit.

Many thanks to: Wesley DePue, Sharon Hamilton, Marina Nix, and Ann Millard for their help with our production.







## Healthy Futures Winners

ECS has done it again! Every month students in 5th-10th grades commit to an hour a day of physical activity for 15 days and they record their efforts on a daily log. They also wear a pedometer periodically that records their moves and miles. Each month teacher, Marlys House, enters student data into the database on the Healthy Futures website. Eagle won the Healthy Futures Challenge in December and was awarded another \$200 to be spent on furthering our physical activity programs. Way to go!

#### Hour of Code



Elementary students participated in the Hour of Code! These young minds learned to program thanks to the AKTeach challenge in December. Students chose from a myriad of exciting games and they became the programmers using Java Script. Fun was had by all and students received a certificate upon completion of one hour of coding.

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Tok School Principal Report for January 2016 RSB Meeting Some of what we did at Tok School in 2015 we implemented PreSchool Gateway Ready, MAPS Tested 3 times, Varsity Basketball Season, Hockey Preschool to 8th grade Season, allowed a venue for Boys Scouts, STEM Club, Kids2College Curriculum, 5th field trip to UAF through the KidsCollege program, Aimsweb tested, MS Volleyball Season, brought in and organized volunteers, applied first-aid to students, MS/HS Finals, heated a school with Biomass, Recess, SPED services, served breakfast and lunch each instructional day, students were transported each day to and from school, created or own electricity, band/vocal, attended professional conferences like (AISLA, Math in a Cultural Context, ASTE), allowed a venue for AWANA, Prom, Winter Formal, put on band-aids, conducted IEP meetings, ASB meetings, PTSA meetings, spring concert, AMP testing, Parent/Teacher conferences, lesson plans, lesson plans for subs, vehicle maintenance, driving students to events in vans, 3 NYO events, LEP testing, Ustream sporting events, Alaska Teacher Mentor program, FAFSA presentation to parents, hosted a basketball tournament, hosted a hockey tournament, K-12th ACCESS for ELL tested, Homecoming Week, 3 on 3 Basketball, NAEP tested, WorkKeys Tested, Homecoming Dance, hosted a MS Volleyball tournament, Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee, PermaFrost Community Science Night, PEP Grant, Fairbanks Shakespeare Theater Workshop, Wellness Committee meetings, READY for Kindergarten meetings, Friday Note, mailed 8 grade progress reports, middle school dance, hosted Mentasta for AMP testing, morning recess, 2 writing assessments, youth risk behavior assessment, checked for head lice numerous times, immunization verifying, movie night, allowed a venue for the Tok Choral Society, allowed a venue for the Adult Men and Women Basketball Tournament, allowed a venue for the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Barrow Hockey trip, Appleseed Event, UAF teachers visit, allowed a venue for a TCUC meeting, ACT tested, 4th grade field trip, Early Literacy Screening, Track and Field, Senior Week, GPA parties, Sensory Camp, Indian Education meeting, teacher appreciation week, sport award banquet, community trash pick-up, welding certification, small engine certification, talent show, Kindergarten Graduation, Senior Graduation, Baccalaureate, 1st and 2nd grade field trip, last day of school, first day of school, Open House/Movie night, Fire Evacuation drills every month, lock-down drills, PreSchool Assessments, Tetlin National Refugee presentations, Varsity Volleyball Season, Volleyball tournament, 3rd grade field trip to Trooper station, picture day, 8th grade GPS field trip, Tok Cross Country Meet, PEP Grant data gathering, public nurse visit, rifle season, venue for Tok Shooter Banquet, Speech E-Therapy, greenhouse visits, scholastic book fair, Trick-or-Treat Street, Instant Challenge, Student Council, sport picture day, tutor program, venue for Tok-A-Tan Bazaar, Trailblazer's Turkey Bowl, Online Academy, allowed a venue for Community Thanksgiving Dinner, allowed a venue for Hunter's Education, Middle school Basketball, Middle School Basketball tournament, chromebooks issued, Ipads issued, rolling laptop computer lab, PTSA family get together, and Elementary Christmas Concert.

# I almost forgot we also taught reading, writing, math, social studies, vocational, and science to all our students.

Education is not a Sprint its a Marathon. Tok School staff keep up the good work in 2016. When one reflects back at the end of a year its an amazing thing to be part of the public education of children.

Cordially, Mr. Roslansky/Tok PreK-12 Principal

# MLV NEWS

"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answer are simple." Dr Seuss

#### Over coming...

A power outage is no big deal for Ruth Packard. She gets out



her lanterns and headlamp and goes to work. The



students and staff enjoy a candle light meal.

### PLC meeting 12/20

Discussion included fundraising, approval of new sweatshirts, partnering with the village council, forming a student government and upcoming sporting events.



Family and friends gather for food and singing prior to Christmas break

December is gone and January is moving just as fast Mr. Roach's students have been learning to fly and maintain quadcopters. Upper Elementary is making interactive notebooks and a lapbook. Kids are enjoying it. We have broke out the cross country skis and kids enjoy getting outside. We have also made several batches of soap from scratch. Students helped handout their creations during our Christmas gathering. High school basketball and junior high volleyball is keeping students busy as well as our involvement with 3 on 3 at hosting sites.





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# Walter Northway School



## Walter Northway School Hosts AGSD NYO Mini-Meet

On December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Walter Northway School hosted the Alaska Gateway School District NYO Mini-Meet for the second straight year. Schools from across the district brought their 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to compete in the wide-range of events that are held annually during the Native Youth Olympics competition in Anchorage. A big thank you to the NYO Coaches, Sam and Nicole, for providing the content and making this event a "very smooth and well oiled" opportunity for all students.

The Alaska Gateway School District Mini-Meet results and all-time record holders can be found here: http://bit.ly/106YC5j

November and December Students of the Month

Congratulations to our November Student of the Month, Destiny Felix, and our December Student of the Month, Terrence Nutting-Titus. Destiny was nominated for her strong work ethic and attitude, while Terrence was nominated for his positive attitude and leadership qualities in and out of school. Congratulations Destiny and Terrence!







Walter Northway School has a new teacher, Mariah Thomas-Wolf. She will be filling the minds of our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with knowledge in ELA, Social Studies, and Art!

## Walter Northway School Holds Christmas Concert for Community

On Thursday, December 17th, students from the Head Start/Pre-K classroom, K-2 classroom, and the 3-5 classroom sang carols, read poems, and danced for a packed house! These students had been practicing their routine for quite a few weeks and did an amazing job.

At the end of the program, the students and community members we met by a festive and jolly Santa who handed out Christmas bags and presents. All students received a new winter hat and an awesome new school sweatshirt.









# Mrs. Holmes' Class Participates in Hour of Code!

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Holmes' class participated in the Hour of Code event sponsored by AK TEACH. Students were presented a number of activities and challenges during the time period. A quick presentation was watched by all students that had many famous actors and athletes talking about the hour of code and showing examples of why it was so important. Most of our students seemed to like the activity with code for minecraft!



On Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12 middle and high school students took a trip to Hidden Lake near the Alaska/Canada Border for a day of snowshoeing, x-country skiing, and learning basic survival skills. The highlight of the day was Gatorade slushies and chicken patties on a stick!

## Trooper Lance Silva Frequents School

Alaska State Trooper Lance Silva and Family, who are stationed in Northway, have made a tremendous effort to reach out and have a positive impact in our

community. They have been in the school over 12 times the past two months! We would like to thank them for their effort and outreach.



#### Tanacross News January 2016

Happy New Year! We are all excited to be back to school. Our student count is at 14. Before the Christmas break our students had to opportunity to participate in Dog Mushing. The kids really enjoyed learning about the dogs and all the responsibility it takes to sled race.





After the races we all came back to the school to have our community Christmas dinner and hand out participation certificates. We hope to make the races an annual event. We have been







doing various science experiments. Here the students made snowflake crystals using borax and boiling water.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kaydee & Mrs. Dunning
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To: Regional School Board Members

January 18, 2016

**Alaska Gateway School District** 

From: Superintendent

**Correspondence/Miscellaneous** 

#### ISSUE

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

#### **BACKGROUND**

- Tanana Chiefs Conference Connecting Kids to Coverage
- AMLJIA Outstanding Loss Control Efforts

#### Tanana Chiefs Conference Connecting Kids to Coverage

The *Connecting Kids to Coverage* grant program, offered through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, provides funding opportunities to reduce the number of children who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP health coverage but are not enrolled, as well as improve the retention of eligible children who are currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP health coverage. TCC is applying for grant funding through the *Connecting Kids to Coverage* program for the period May 20, 2016 – May 19, 2018 to support the following goals and activities in the TCC service area:

- 1. More effectively identify children who may be eligible for Medicaid/CHIP health coverage but are not currently enrolled.
- 2. Provide increased outreach to families about the availability of free and low cost health care coverage through Medicaid and CHIP. Outreach will occur year-round, but will be especially focused during back-to-school time and during the period following Marketplace open enrollment.
- 3. Provide application assistance and resources for families applying for Medicaid/CHIP health coverage for the first time, as well as to those who are completing the annual renewal process.

Health care coverage and good health are vital to student well-being, school attendance, and academic achievement. In the past 3 years, 7,682 patients visited a clinic within the TCC region with no health insurance. Many families may not be aware that their children are eligible for free health coverage, that they can enroll at any time during the year, or that they need to renew their enrollment annually, resulting in loss of coverage.

By increasing the rate of children enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, children in TCC's communities will have better access to primary and preventive healthcare services, including well-child exams and immunizations, improving their health, school attendance, and academic achievement. Increasing the rate of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP will also support TCC in providing quality care in the communities it serves, as well as providing a broader range of services in its communities.

Currently TCC staff make regular visits to communities to conduct outreach and assist families with the Medicaid enrollment process. However, identification of children and families who may be eligible for Medicaid or CHIP health coverage is reliant on those families utilizing the health clinic in each community. If families do not utilize the health clinic, TCC is unable to provide important outreach and application assistance. In addition, TCC often does not have the most current contact information for children and families on file.

As part of its *Connecting Kids to Coverage* program, TCC plans to partner with local school districts to improve upon existing outreach efforts. Ways that school districts can help include:

- Assisting in the distribution of outreach materials developed by TCC can help us reach a larger number of children and families with important information about the availability of free or low cost health coverage.
- Sharing information about students who are eligible for the school lunch program can help identify those children and families who may be eligible for health coverage through Medicaid and CHIP but are not currently enrolled, allowing us to provide more directed outreach to families about the availability of health coverage.
- Providing access to up to date contact information for families of children enrolled in local schools will allow us to provide time sensitive outreach and assistance to local families wishing to enroll in or renew their Medicaid or CHIP health coverage.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important program to increase the number of eligible children who are enrolled in Medicaid health coverage. If you have any questions about TCC's *Connecting Kids to Coverage* Program or would like more information, please contact:

Patricia Delgado, TCC Alternate Resource Manager Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center 1717 West Cowles Street Fairbanks, AK 99701 (907)451-6682 ext. 3617 1-800-770-8251 Toll Free patricia.taylor@tananachiefs.org



December 14, 2015

Todd Poage, Superintendent Alaska Gateway School District **PO Box 226** Tok, Alaska 99780

Dear Mr. Poage:

Enclosed is an award certificate that the Alaska Gateway School District has earned for outstanding loss control efforts. You are to be commended for a job well done!

Every year we take time to recognize our members who are effectively reducing risks and maintaining a safe environment for their citizens and employees. The AMLJIA awards members with a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze award for loss ratios below 25 percent of their deposit contribution. This is quite an accomplishment and is key to keeping the pool strong and your rates stable. Should you need a frame for your certificate, please contact us and we will send one to you.

Since we began business in 1988, the AMLIA has become the leading provider of risk management training, services and coverage for Alaska's local government entities. The AMLIA is the strongest pool in Alaska, both financially and in terms of membership. Your pool is considered to be one of the best in the nation by other state municipal league-sponsored pools and is recognized by the Association of Governmental Risk Pools for meeting their advisory standards. You should be proud of the success of your program. When communities and schools take full advantage of the training and services provided for AMLIA members, it ensures you as a member have all the tools necessary to keep losses to a minimum.

The AMLIA could not have achieved this success without the commitment and dedication of members like you. The Alaska Gateway School District is an important member of the AMLIIA program. On behalf of the board and the rest of the membership, I want to thank you for your commitment. Together, we are making a difference!

Sincerely,

**Kevin Smith** 

**Executive Director** 



