



Board of Education Meeting
March 25, 2020
Superintendent Report

Superintendent Message

Dear KGBSD School Board Members,

I want to start out my message with a thank you to everyone who has stepped up, stepped in and continues to provide support for our students and teaching staff during this time. It has taken a team to get to where we are today in planning every different option of making sure our students needs are being met. I share with you quotes from only a few of our administrators as they prepare for the first day back to school after spring break. Principal Michael Cron wrote to his staff recently, “it’s amazing how quickly things can change in times of flux like this, when ideas that would have seemed impossible last month suddenly become the new reality. I think we all realized the reality of COVID-19 and how quickly everything changed. As I write tonight the focus of where education will take place is on all of our minds but who, what and why remains our focus, the student.

These are challenging times and we will need to stay healthy and flexible as we prepare to serve our students and families needs (Principal Sherilynn Boehlert, 2020) . Ms. Boehlert says is well in that these challenging times have found us in education in a time that we have to find the balance of work and health not only for ourselves but also for our students. Part of our plan for lesson roll out includes addressing physical, emotional, social and mental health.

Finally, Principal Jason House wrote to his staff, “I just want to say "thank you" for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we all work together to navigate these uncharted waters. Health and Safety will remain our primary concern. We have an opportunity here to serve our students and community in a time of great need. It is going to require all of us working together in new ways and with a common purpose. I have absolute confidence that we are up to the task.

Other District Information:

All State Assessments: The State of Alaska to waive all state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year. At this time the State of Alaska is waiting on the approval of the waiver. This waiver is for PEAKS, WIDA, and Alternative Assessments.

Thank You,

Beth Lougee, Superintendent