



# Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District

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## Memo

**To: KGBSD School Board Members**

**From:** Melissa Johnson, Interim Superintendent

**CC:** Kerry Watson, Board Clerk

**Date:** February 18, 2022

**RE: Superintendent Report for February 23, 2022 meeting**

### **Investigation Results**

The investigation of the events and circumstances on February 5, 2022, at Ketchikan High School is complete. The KGBSD administration is evaluating the findings of the investigation to determine next steps, including whether any disciplinary action is warranted. If the administration determines that the conduct at the February 5 game warrants discipline, any student disciplinary actions are confidential pursuant to state and federal law, as well as Board policy.

The KGBSD administration will discuss the findings of the investigation with the Board in executive session at the regularly scheduled meeting on February 23, 2022.

### **Curriculum/PD/Assessment:**

- Test security agreements, test administration training, and scheduling for the new state assessment, AK STAR, are being prepared.
- Budget priorities for the KNEPC (Title VI) are being drafted and have been shared with Saxman IRA and KIC. The KNEPC voted to approve those priorities which include: 1 FTE for the Cultural Coordinator, .5 FTE for each of the Native PreK teachers, and the remainder in supplies.
- Most grade levels and the charter schools have reached a consensus on what math curriculum they would like to adopt for the next cycle. The Illustrative Math pilot with K-2 teachers is continuing. The goal is to bring K-12 recommendations to the school board by the first meeting in March.
- The School Climate and Culture survey window has been extended and the window goes through March 25th.
- June 6-10 we will be hosting the Alaska Arts Education Consortium's Arts Institute where educators from the region will be able to learn about integrating art and Native studies into existing curriculum.
- Elementary Drug Prevention update: See Attached

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To: Melissa Johnson

From: Alonso Escalante

Concerning KGBSD's drug prevention curriculum at the elementary level

Up through the 2019-2020 school year the DARE curriculum was being implemented at all of the elementary schools in collaboration with the Ketchikan Police Department. The only school this did not happen in during the 19-20 school year was Houghtaling because of the school closures.

We have the Too Good For Drugs curriculum at 2 of our elementary schools, however it is not being implemented for a number of reasons.

KPD was contacted and Officer Berntson and SRO Johnson are discussing potential options for a renewed and continued partnership.

The Ketchikan Wellness Coalition was also contacted and Ms. Simpson and Ms. Asper are also looking into the possibility of partnering with the school district in order to push in and implement a drug prevention curriculum in our elementary schools.

Other thoughts after speaking with retired Officer Daryl Nichols who implemented the DARE curriculum for years, Ms. Asper, Ms. Simpson, Rec Center staff, several of our KGBSD counselors and principals:

There is no single thing that will solve this problem in our community. The drug prevention lessons need to happen, but in addition, we need to have a community conversation about what options our children have, particularly our low socio-economic students after school and on the weekends that does not require parental support or involvement.