

March 31, 2026

Dear LPSD Board:

My family and I are writing this letter in support of Kacy Leyba continuing on as the district's Student Support Services Coordinator in a remote capacity next school year.

My three children attend Tanalian School, and I am also employed there as a Special Ed Aide. Kacy is a wonderful asset to our school and this region, and our district would lose a very valuable employee if she was not allowed to continue to serve. She has a great rapport with the students that shows how much she loves working with them and how much she cares about their success. In her role, she has spent several years getting to know them and their families throughout the district, and they know her, too. Living in remote Alaska, you understand how important consistent and long-standing relationships are for building trust and connection. Kacy has already established that with the school families in this district.

Recently, Kacy helped my daughter, who is a junior, apply for a college scholarship. The application was lengthy, but they met together weekly – both in-person and via Zoom – for a month until it was finished. As a parent, I really appreciated all of the effort and expertise that Kacy put into that process. I know that the scholarship application would not have been completed otherwise.

Please, reconsider allowing Kacy to continue as the Student Support Services Coordinator. Whether she lives in-district or outside, we know that she is still the best candidate for the job and that she will continue to provide LPSD students and families with the best attention and care. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jill Oettinger,

Tanalian School Parent and Employee