

THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting AGENDA
October 29, 2025, 8:00 AM

Agenda

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 2
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**
5. **ORDERING OF AGENDA**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. Public Comment
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Levelock School Closure 2025-2026 3
8. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**



Student Count: LPSD/Levelock School

October 29, 2025



LPSD Student Count

- Payment for the first 9 months of State funding for the 2025-2026 school year is calculated based on prior year projection of enrollment (Spring OASIS Report).
- Alaska Department of Education Student Count Period was September 29 - October 24, 2025, which contributes to funding allocation for April, May & June of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Levelock School's ADM for 2025-2026 Student Count period was: **7.15**

Student Count & Hold Harmless

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- Hold Harmless rule is a *safety net*. It helps protect district's funding when student numbers suddenly drop **5% or more** from one year to the next for the district.
- If student count drops by at least 5%, the district can "hold" the old higher number as a **base year**, and phase down over three years.
 - **Year 1:** We keep **75% of the difference**
 - **Year 2:** We keep **50%**
 - **Year 3:** We keep **25%**
 - we no longer receive hold harmless for Pilot Point and Chignik Bay as of last year
- This helps prevent sudden big budget cuts

Student Count & Hold Harmless

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- Spring 2025 projected enrollment: 289
- Actual October 24, 2025 enrollment: 276.05
 - Resulting in a drop of 4.6% over 2024-2025
- Because drop in Adjusted ADM is less than 5% , this does not trigger the hold harmless rule.

- Due to no hold harmless in addition to school cost factors and projection of special education classification, as well as impact aide and a variety of other factors - LPSD can anticipate a greater deficit than projected to begin the year (between ~\$600K - \$1M)

Levelock School

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- Potential timeline of events for anticipated school closure:
 - **Wednesday, October 29, 2025** - LPSD School Board Student Count: Levelock School Discussion / Principal Ms. McCarley visits Levelock School through Saturday, November 1, 2025 to support transition plans for students/parents alongside Ms. Kathy Touring.
 - **Tuesday, November 4, 2025** - LPSD Homeschool Teacher, Mr. McArthur arrives in Levelock late day to work alongside Levelock Teacher Ms. Kathy Touring for the week to create daily outline of Homeschool student schedules and curriculum guidance/progression calendars for students engaging in Lake View Homeschool.
 - **Friday, November 7, 2025** - Suggested official shutdown date of Levelock School to trigger awareness for the Department of Education and so Ms. Touring can fly to Igiugig School to get settled for the weekend before joining the No-See-Ums as the Secondary Generalist and Head Teacher for the remainder of the school year. She will overlap the current secondary long-term sub for one week in order to get acclimated.

Levelock School Insights for Community

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- Interest from the Community to keep the school open and information we will share with them in hopes they can keep supporting students who will remain in Levelock:
 - Aide Hours if possible: \$252 (cost of aide/week)
 - School Cook Hours/support for menu/community ordering: \$618 (cost of cook/week)
 - Estimate of Utilities \$30,800 (cost of electricity) YTD \$16,225
 - Fuel budget is \$18,156, Dec. to May est. \$12,104
 - LPSD would continue to host property/liability insurance on the school and housing
 - LPSD would continue to insure buildings, if closed down reduce coverage
 - Protects the district in the event of complete loss requiring environmental cleanup
 - A lease would be established between the Levelock Tribal Council & Lake and Pen Borough