

# LKSD

LKSD is the largest REAA in terms of students and schools

- ◆ 22 Villages
- ◆ 27 Schools
- ◆ Over 900 Employees
- ◆ Over 400 Certified Staff
- ◆ Geographical area the size of Ohio

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## Where are Rural Schools headed educationally?

Over the past three years LKSD has developed an instructional framework in collaboration with principals, teachers and communities. This framework is the culmination of many hours of work and piloting different instructional strategies to meet the needs of our students. (handout).

We are also working with the Alaska Staff Development Network through an ANEP grant to bring state and national level consultants to work with LKSD staff to increase capacity in these instructional strategies and nationally recognized programs.

Administrators work an average of 6 Saturdays each year for district paid professional development. In addition to the standard 10 State allowed professional release days, LKSD also incorporates 3 additional contract days for professional development for all certified staff.



## Where are Rural Schools headed educationally?

More college and career ready opportunities

CTE

More hybrid and blended learning opportunities

Online courses

Live interactive two way video conferencing

Blended learning – combination of online, VTC, and face-to-face

Hybrid dorm setting (combination of the traditional dorm setting but staying connected to home communities)

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# Where are Rural Schools headed educationally?

## More early childhood

Why? Language deficit issues are our biggest challenge with young students.

Weak L1 (First Language) and high LEP population

## More technology infused teaching and learning

The world is becoming flat as more people have access to technology and internet

## Core academics

Standards aligned curriculum

RTI Matrix (handout)

Focus on acceleration rather than remediation

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# What do our students need/want/like?

College and career ready opportunities

STEM, Aviation, Health, Construction trades, Technology, Education

Technology

Many of our students are LEP. Technology can be a means of breaking down barriers to overcoming language challenges

Students want safe and supportive learning environments



# What five things would rural superintendents like to change?

Forward fund education (We **must** know what we are going to get funding wise at least a fiscal year ahead of time)

With 2.4 million in one time funding it is difficult to budget from year to year

LKSD highly depends on Federal Impact Aide and sequestration is having a serious impact on our budget

We need to know what we will have from year to year

Technology infrastructure

LKSD has a 100Mb terrestrial internet connection and 12-14 Mb connections between each of our villages and the district office.

Cost – 22 million/year

LKSD share – 2+ million/year

Law enforcement

Trauma rates

Impact on learning



What five things would rural superintendents like to change?

Teacher housing

There is a large need for new teacher housing

Impact on teacher retention

Overall utilities infrastructure

Piped running water and flush toilets

Electricity costs and finding alternatives to diesel fuel generators

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