

Upriver Schools Board Report
Steven Porter – Principal
5 September 2018

K-12 Attendance (As of 5 September 2018)

CVSS: 25 JJSS: 19 JESS: 17 GMS: 14

2 and ½ weeks done and everyone upriver is extremely busy. We have 4 new teachers and 3 returning teachers but one of those teachers is currently on maternity leave for the duration of Semester 1. We are in need of one teacher, that being a secondary teacher for JJSS. I am helping out at JJSS as that teacher.

Our returning classified staff is strong and experienced. We are at full strength at both CVSS and JJSS. GMS is in need of an aide and JESS is in need of a custodian.

Our students, our entire reason for being here, are back, in full attendance, and working hard. A major change this year over past years is that finally all 4 upriver schools are using the same curriculum. Thus, when a student moves from one village upriver to another village, they will be able to rather seamlessly transition to the new school.

With the intent of increasing academic performance, all students are using grade-level textbooks which are then supplemented as needed with approved district resources. We are currently developing RTI strategies for students performing below grade level.

We had 20 upriver students participating in the Aniak cross-country meet. 11 students are attending Rip-the-Ridge this coming weekend.

NYCP activities are just around the corner. I am working with the villages to send up to 4 community members to Anchorage for the NYCP Summit 13-14 September. The following weekend, 20-23 September, select teachers will be attending an NYCP event, also in Anchorage.

Collaborating with community members and students, we will be furthering the strategic plan goals of increasing community and parental involvement, increasing regional partnerships and integrating Alaska Native culture throughout the upriver schools. With NYCP, I see this as a definitely attainable this year, as we have already started the collaboration process.

Evidence of bullying in our upriver communities is not always apparent, but we will remain ever vigilant to ensure that if it does occur, we will immediately and effectively deal with it.

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