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Special Education & Federal Programs Report

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Grant Updates

Consolidated Grant

Title IA: Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs

Title IC: Education of Migratory Children

Title IIA: Preparing, Training, & Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, & Other School Leaders

Title IIIA: English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, & Academic Achievement

Title IV: Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants

Title IV-B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Title V: Flexibility & Accountability (RLIS)

Title VIB: Indian, Native Hawaiian, & Alaska Native Education

Kuspuk School District stakeholders were invited to participate and provide input during the 2020-2021 Consolidated Grant planning process. Due to COVID-19, a link to a google survey was distributed to solicit input. Individuals from each community across the district completed the survey which provided the grant planning team with excellent information. Additionally, DEED substantially approved the Consolidated Grant over the summer. Now, during the beginning of the school year, the budgets and line items will be adjusted to reflect additional allocations and carryover amounts.

Student Health Intervention Program (SHIP)

YK & Northwest Arctic Health Fund

- \$15,000 awarded

The Alaska Community Foundation: 2020 GCI Suicide Prevention Grant Program

- \$20,000 awarded

Kuspuk School District recognizes the need to evaluate the district capacity and respond to the growing mental health needs of all students and provide mental health services to students across the district. Therefore, KSD proposes the development and implementation of the Student Health Intervention Program (SHIP). With a focus on promoting mental health awareness and prevention programming through an innovative, hybrid approach to screening, assessment, treatment interventions and services for students across the district. Grant funds will be used for the following purposes:

- Contract with a licensed clinical social worker.



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- Administer an initial mental health survey and end-of-year program survey to all students.
- Analyze the data to develop a continuum of services to be provided across the district.
- Conduct individual and small group therapy sessions.
- Teletherapy sessions led by the school social worker.
- Talking circles facilitated by the school social worker, school representative, or SHIP appointed community member.

DotCom Therapy

KuspuK School District has partnered with DotCom Therapy to provide every student across the district access to exceptional therapy services.

- Jenna Green ED.S., NCSP: School Psychologist
- Rebecca Lofthouse: Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Special Education Updates

PowerSchool Special Programs

During the 2019-2020 school year, KSD adopted and implemented PowerSchool Special Programs for special education case management and compliance monitoring. KSD special education teachers have received training to use the program and have started transferring data and utilizing student records within Powerschool Special Programs.

Related Service Providers

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, all related services will be provided virtually or from a remote location at this time. Providers will be meeting with families, teachers, paraprofessionals, and students through internet based platforms or by phone to perform needed services and to provide support.

SPED Vehicle

The side-by-side purchased during the 2019-2020 school year to provide special education transportation in Chuathbaluk was delivered by barge. Thank you to the Maintenance Department for your assistance.