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**Report to Kuspuk School District Board of Directors  
Native Youth Community Projects "Central Yup'ik Grant"  
Year 4 of 4 (September 2020 – February 2021)**

**Alaska EXCEL Foundational Sessions**

**CHALLENGE:**

- Due to COVID19 and travel restriction, all in person sessions have been cancelled.
- EXCEL Staff was open and willing to travel to individual school sites, but school closures, quarantining and travel restriction made it impossible.

**SOLUTION:**

- Developed an on-line course – Alaska EXCEL Virtual Career Building Class. 33 KSD students enrolled in the course. Due to school closures and lack of internet capability outside the school building, only 4 of the 60 students completed the course. The 33 KSD students have been rolled over into Spring semester online courses.

**Teacher Training & Support**

**CHALLENGE:**

- Due to COVID19, including travel restrictions, the teacher training usually provided by Alaska EXCEL was cancelled.
- Virtual teacher training was an option and a short survey was sent asking for interest and 5 signed up for the program but have not participated.

**SOLUTIONS:**

- Two new teachers have joined the NYCP program just this month, one from the Aniak Elementary (AMNES), one from Lower Kalskag Elementary (ZLES).
- A training is happening today with a new teacher in Kalskag.

**Classroom Support**

**October:**

Aniak Classroom Event -

Junior achievement kit purchased and sent to Aniak elementary level - to have students learn about money management, learn the role of money in everyday life

**November:**

Aniak Classroom Event -

14 Ukuleles purchased for Aniak Elementary - To teach students about persistence and resilience as they learn a new skill. Students will be challenged as they learn how to play the Ukulele.

**December:**

Aniak Classroom Event -

20 Electronic stylus pens to go with existing iPads in classrooms purchased for Aniak elementary level Digital Drawing Skills Workshop - Students to learn to create digital skills to prepare them for careers in computer science fields such as Graphic Design. this is to meet the growing workforce demand for technology skills.

**January:**

Aniak Classroom Event -

Hydroponic supplies ordered to support workforce development by teaching students the basics of growing food and adding sustainability to the native food sources. Workforces will be looking for critical thinkers and students who participate in these activities will be called on to work through difficulties with each project.

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**February:****Aniak Classroom Event -**

This introduction to Yoga is to engage students in learning about the health benefits of yoga. Students will learn how to exercise in order to cope with stress. This will provide students with a positive outlet to turn to when they feel stressed or have trauma occur. Looking towards their futures, this will give them a tool to deal with stressful jobs in a healthy manner.

**Graduate Support**

2 generous scholarships will be awarded to Kalya Morgan (Aniak) and William Peterson (Kalskag) in February.