



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 17, 2001

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- Christmas vacation is over and all staff and students appear to be rested and ready for another exciting semester of school.
- Win-School training is postponed until January 27-30, 2001.
- Grades were scheduled to be mailed Wednesday January 17, 2001 but due to a computer glitch they will be delayed one or two days. Teri Boyles is working diligently to have them in the mail as soon as possible.
- The second semester schedule appears to be working well. A few students are making last minute changes but the changes have been few compared to last year.
- Unalaska City School is offering five new classes this semester. Mr. Chapin is teaching a remedial math course to 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during the first hour. This course is offered in addition to the regular math course and in place of the Jr. High electives. Mr. Duhan is teaching a HSGQE Math during 7<sup>th</sup> hour. 7<sup>th</sup> hour is scheduled between 3:30 and 4:20 PM. This course is offered to those students who need an extra math credit or who have experienced difficulty on the HSGQE math test. Mr. Haskins is offering advanced welding during his planning period. Students will receive a G2 or G3 certification upon completion. At the same time he is teaching Computer Assisted Drafting to a small number of students. Juanita Gillispie is teaching a full six hours in the Alternative School and PE is not offered this semester for those students. The focus is on academics and passing the HSGQE. These courses are all possible because of the extra pay benefit now included in the Negotiated Agreement. Teresa Sweenhart is teaching a new English as a Second Language course. Testing materials are in place and instructional materials are ordered and should be arriving very soon for this course.
- Several students have Individual Learning Plans. These plans address specific needs and give a prescription for success. Some are academic and some deal with behaviors. These plans are reviewed periodically,

success is evaluated and modifications are made as needed. This is the work of the Student Assistance Team and teachers.

- Evaluations have started for the tenured teachers. As soon as they are completed I will start on the second round of non-tenured teachers. I hope to have them all completed prior to Spring Break.
- Mr. Dirks has agreed to host the Goose Calendar Art Contest here at Unalaska City School District. All entries will be brought here from this region. Winners will advance to Anchorage for the State contest. Part of the rationale for holding it here is that Unalaska City School had so many of the winners last year.
- Immunizations for next school year require additional shots. Letters have been sent home explaining the new regulations and timelines. We are already getting a good response from parents who are starting the series now. See attached letter.
- Unalaska City School District received a certificate for Accreditation for this school year. We received full accreditation with no dings. The only comments were positive. This lays the groundwork for the self-study, which has started. I have been gathering materials and data that will be needed for that study. The first committee meeting is planned for next week. We will be working to have the written report completed by the first week of March. The Response Team is scheduled to be here the week of March 12,2001. I have summarized the five steps and the prompts for each step into the attached four-page document. We plan to use a combination of ideas from the School Improvement Plan model and the Strategic Planning model. There are many similarities and I have tried to take the best of both models for our work here.
- You will also find a report of the Alaska Developmental Profile for our Kindergarten and first grade students. This information was gathered and reported fall of 2000. The profiles are very strong indicating a good foundation for a great education.
- Paul Reynolds is starting an internship to become a certified teacher. He is working in the sixth grade room with Lara Guthrie. This is a one year program through UAF.