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Hope School K-12

Hope Parents and Community,

KPBSD school district expects our district AMP results to be released by the Department of Education and Early Development (EED) in mid-October, followed by school summaries, and your individual student reports. We do know that Alaska's new English and mathematics standards raise expectations for our students. It is very important that when we receive our results, and students receive their scores to remember:

- Student achievement has not declined.
- What is expected of students is more rigorous than previous expectations.
- These first AMP results are setting a new baseline to help us understand where students stand on their path to success.

Superintendent Sean Dusek said, "Our staff is working incredibly hard to make the instructional shift in expectations required by the new AMP assessment, and I'm confident we will rise to this opportunity. It's important to realize that we utilize many sources of information and measures to help prepare our students for their future—AMP is one piece of the equation."

The AMP assessment cannot be compared to the past SBA assessment. The AMP uses different standards, different questions, a different scoring scale and a different delivery system (online testing).

Our school will look at the AMP scores as one piece of our comprehensive assessment system. We currently utilize the benchmark tests in the fall, winter and spring, district created formative assessments as well as what students are doing in the classroom on a regular basis to get a true picture of student achievement.

We will continue to work with you to understand AMP results, and how we are preparing our students for future assessments now that the baseline has been set in this initial year.

I am happy to sit down with you and explain or go over any assessment as well as our district's assessment plan at your convenience. A test tab has been established on the Hope School web page and will be updated with the latest information on assessments.

Sincerely,

Michael Hanson

Michael Hanson
Principal Hope School