

## **Tac Titooqan Article December 2014**

Each hunting season it is critical to discuss some important school safety reminders with your students. Hunting weapons are not allowed on school property. Knives are also considered a weapon and just as illegal as a gun on school property. Even if you accidentally bring a weapon to school, forgetting it in a bag or in your car, the police must be contacted and students will be recommended to the superintendent and school board for expulsion. Our school board has zero tolerance for weapons on school grounds. This includes inside the building or your car in the parking lot. The moment your car enters school property, if you have a weapon, you are breaking the law. An expulsion is for one calendar year, 365 days. Expelled students will not be allowed on school property and not allowed to attend athletic events. You can attempt to enroll in another school district, but with an expulsion on your record they are not required to take you and more than likely will not accept you. Thank you for discussing these critical school safety rules with your students.

The Lapwai School District is participating in the Idaho Leads Project, a Boise State University initiative. During our participation we were selected to participate as a Studio District in the New Pedagogies Project. This is a global effort where Lapwai will be one of the Idaho school districts representing the United States. The other countries involved in the project include: Australia, Canada, Columbia, Finland, Latvia, Norway, Senegal, The United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Collaboratively we are engaged in investigating new and innovative instructional approaches to deepen student learning. We are also capturing and cultivating ways to accelerate learning through technology. This global partnership to improve teaching and learning includes facilitation by Michael Fullan and Joanne Quinn. Michael Fullan is Professor Emeritus in the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. Joanne Quinn is the Global Director of Capacity Building for New Pedagogies for Deep Learning. Both of these educational leaders are world renowned and consult internationally. The Lapwai team of administrators and teachers also proudly includes a student representative, Mykel Johnson, a senior at Lapwai High School. At our first meeting Mykel received leadership training from the Quaglia Institute for Student Aspirations. Together we will be able to bring a wealth of the latest knowledge and research back to the Lapwai School District to improve teaching and learning. It is an honor to be a part of the project. Our participation is just one of the countless examples demonstrating our urgency and dedication to improvement.