



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and thrive in an ever-changing world.

SISD Strategic Plan Goals:

1. Prepare students for postsecondary life
2. Provide sufficient and effective staff support
3. Increase communication district and community wide
4. Increase visibility to share lifestyle and increase enrollment

Strategic Plan Goal 1: Prepare Students for Postsecondary Life

Future Leaders Program

Our Youth Connections Specialist, Ellis Woronowicz, has scheduled site visits with the area principal and will be visiting most sites the week of Jan. 16th. The purpose of these visits is to meet the students and staff, to discuss the Future Leaders Program opportunities, and to encourage student participation.

Semester II Class Offerings

Currently planning an ETT class for students - will count for a Health II course credit.

Writing Sample Collection

April 21 Inservice – instructional staff throughout the district will be meeting to review writing samples from students' district-wide. A rubric will be used to evaluate each writing sample. Data will be analyzed afterwards.

Alaska Education Exchange

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Strategic Plan Goal 2: Provide Sufficient and Effective Staff Support

Inservices/Professional Development

January 6, 2023: mClass Training (required reading screener for the AK READS Act) - SISD is piloting the program this year

NYO Training

Kyle Worl, a Native Youth Olympic Competitor and Coach from Juneau School District visited SISD on Jan. 5 and showcased the moves to master the NYO sporting events. SISD students and staff received a demonstration of NYO

activities and were able to interact with Kyle in the various activities. Kyle stayed for a second day and provided more information and training for staff/potential SISD NYO coaches on Jan. 6. Laura Anania is our NYO Coordinator for the district, and she is working on developing teams of students from various age groups from throughout the district. Laura will be organizing a competition in district and some of our students may go to a state competition. She will also be working with the other districts on the island to see if they would like to participate in some competition with SISD students.

STREAMS Week/Classroom Without Walls Week Planning

The NYO discussion group started planning for a STREAMS Week/Classroom Without Walls program for this coming spring. More information coming soon on this program.

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Digital Promise Online Learning Resources

This library of online learning resources is intended for educators and can be filtered by type, grade, and subject. [All of the included resources are free and meet student privacy criteria.](#)

Strategic Plan Goal 3: Increase Communication District and Community Wide

Federal and State Programs/Grants:

[Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant](#) (RUS DLT) – Working with grant writer, SERRC TechOps, SISD Tech Coordinator and others to apply for the RUS DLT Grant. Application is due January 30, 2023. Award potential: 50K – 1M

(From the Federal Register – Notice of Solicitation and Application)

Purpose of the Program. Seeking to make progress toward President Biden's goal of digital equity throughout the country, the DLT program provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications - enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

Strategic Plan and Superintendent Evaluation FY23

Survey is now live on sisd.org, multiple SISD Facebook pages/Facebook groups that SISD follows, and a robocall went out to all staff, students, and parents recently. Results will be compiled and presented to the SISD School Board on Jan. 18, 2023, for their review during the superintendent's evaluation in executive session.

FY24 SISD Calendar

Three options have been sent out to school staff for comment. Over the next month, each school's Advisory School Council (ASC) will need to vote on a calendar for the 2023-24 school year. These 3 calendars and the ASC votes will then be submitted to the SISD School Board for approval of a 2023-24 school year calendar.

Strategic Plan Goal 4: Increase Visibility to Share Lifestyle and Increase Enrollment

AAATTSA 2023-24

1st planning meeting scheduled for the 2023-24 AAATTSA program – January 17

SISD Students in Print!

Exciting news! One of our SISD students has been chosen to write articles as a NASP student contributor for the 2022-23 archery season! <https://www.naspschools.org/category/success-tips/>

Legislation (as of Jan. 10th)

The 2023 Alaska Legislative session begins this Tuesday, and the first pre-file bills were released on Basis January 9th. Nine of the bills released, were related to public education.

HB 6: Public Schools; Opioid Awareness Program

- Require DEED to develop an opioid abuse awareness curriculum for grades 6-12. Requires 60 minutes of instruction annually relating to opioid abuse awareness.

HB 21: School/University Employee Health Insurance

- Allows school employers to elect to participate in an insurance policy selected by the commissioner of the Dept. of Administration.

HB 27: Designate Sex for School-Sponsored Sports

- Requires public schools and private schools that compete against public schools to designate sports as male, female, or coeducational, and require that students competing on female teams be female as designated by their biological sex.

HB 31: Alaska Performance Scholarship Eligibility

- Expands eligibility for Alaska Performance scholarships.

SB 9: Alaska Sunset Commission

- Establishes a sunset commission to review and make recommendations on discontinuation of or changes to state entities. The Dept. of Education and Early Development would be reviewed and recommendations would be made in 2028.

SB 11: Teachers and Public Employee Retirement Plans

- Relates to restoration of tenure for certain disabled individuals and allows members Permanent Fund PERS and TRS to choose between a defined benefit and a defined contribution retirement plan.

SB 14: RIP for Public Employees/Teachers

- Allows reemployment of persons who retire under the teachers' retirement system as mentors.

SB 24: Public Schools: Mental Health Education

- Encourages mental health topics be taught in public schools. Creates a guideline for DEED to develop curriculum.

SB 29: Civics Education; Establish Alaska Civics Education Commission

- Requires schools not to issue a diploma to students who have not completed a civics education course using the curriculum DEED develops or have not achieved a passing score of at least 70 percent on their test.

The Senate Majority released their leadership structure:

- **Senator Gary Stevens** (R-Kodiak) as Senate President, **Sen.-elect Cathy Giessel** (R-Anchorage) as Majority Leader, **Sen. Bill Wielechowski** (D-Anchorage) as Rules Chair, **Sen. Click Bishop** (R-Fairbanks) as Majority Whip, **Sen. Bert Stedman** (R-Sitka), **Sen. Lyman Hoffman** (D-Bethel), and **Sen. Donny Olson** (D-Golovin) as chairs of the Finance Committee, and **Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson** (D-Anchorage) as Legislative Council Chair.
- In the press release, it was shared that "providing adequate funding for public education while accessing accountability and performance" was one of their priorities. The press release with the Senate Majority priorities and Committee Chairs is below.
- Also below please find a press release about a press conference regarding Seizing Carbon Opportunities, an area of the governor's revenue generating focus.
- Once session begins, it is important to track bills as they move through the legislature. BASIS is the legislatures web site to track bills, contact legislators, and access committee information. You can download the guide [here](#).

Miscellaneous

Superintendent Travel:

[SERRC](#) Board Meeting in Juneau – January 9-10th

Attended the SERRC Board meeting. Topics included: strategic planning, audit and financial report, DEED updates, academic decathlon, special education services, superintendent critical issues, and CTE regional planning.

SISD Budget Revision

Business Manager and Superintendent worked together on revising and balancing the FY23 budget.

Staffing FY24

Contracts for certified staff have been issued for most tenured and non-tenured staff. There are a few individuals that are unsure if they are going to return. Some are still going through the evaluation process.