

**November 20, 2019 School Board Meeting – Naukati Bay School
Regional School Board Report – Grants Department, Brian Krosschell**

School Bus Replacement Program from Alaska Energy Authority

We submitted a grant for almost \$400,000 from the Alaska Energy Authority to help with the upgrade of 4 buses. We do not know if we will be awarded part or all of our request. If awarded, this will improve fuel efficiency, reduce pollution, reduce maintenance, and provide better safety for our children.

Alaska Comprehensive Literacy Grant

The AK Comprehensive Literacy Grant is a very competitive state grant. Only 12 awards will be provided across the state. We are planning to apply together with a few other school districts including Chatham SD, Hoonah SD, and Yakutat SD. The grant is just over a million dollars for the consortium of districts during the 5 years. If awarded, this year will be a planning year. The remaining 4 years would be implementation years.

Greenhouse Plan

Coffman Cove Greenhouse and Aquaponics System: We are working with Misty Fitzpatrick to find a way to support the greenhouse until we can secure additional grant funding. We are also considering other options to make the greenhouse sustainable for our students. One of these options includes a partnership with Pat Tierney and Sealaska to develop a Yellow Cedar propagation program.

As we learn more about the Yellow Cedar project, it may be something we can do at other schools also. Pat Tierney currently works with children at some of our schools. This project has the potential to provide an excellent experience for the students to learn about trees and forestry.

Thorne Bay Greenhouse and Aquaponics System: Priscilla Goulding is volunteering to help with the greenhouse. She would like to create a team of volunteers to share the responsibilities of the greenhouse and aquaponics system.

Preschool Grant Update

Thorne Bay School – up to 16 students
Howard Valentine Coffman Cove – 2 students
Naukati Bay School – 1 student
Barry Craig Stewart Kasaan – 1 student
Port Alexander School – 1 student
Hyder, Hollis, Whale Pass not part of the grant at this time.

We purchased the *Creative Curriculum* program for each of the 5 schools. This program aligns with the required *My Teaching Strategies* assessment we are using as part of the grant.

If you have any suggestions, or ideas that need funding, please feel free to call me at (907)828-8254 or email me at bkrosschell@sisd.org.