

APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
SISD SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

PO Box 803  
Craig Alaska 99921  
Telephone: 907-530-7108  
FAX: 907-530-7111

E-mail: [caitlin\\_aspery@sisd.org](mailto:caitlin_aspery@sisd.org)

**Across the district, we have many events and activities occurring in our schools, strengthening our students, and in turn our district. From a teacher's perspective these are opportunities for growth, learning, and may be crucial in the development of a student. To a student, the lens shows a different view, and now, we get to hear it.**

This month SISD students engaged in volleyball and E-sports and are having a blast. Hollis students celebrated another wonderful Pi Day filled with laughter, fun, and well, pie! Another Hollis celebration goes to one of their fantastic high school students who has been accepted to go to Germany for a year through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange to learn about Germany and work towards the organization's mission to strengthen American and German relationships. Lyric worked hard for months to achieve this, and all of her hard work has paid off. Congratulations Lyric, we're all so proud of you.

Students have advocated for changes in their education, as they feel their educational needs aren't being met. In addition, they have asked that their teachers and staff, especially those in outer sites, be better informed about things happening in the district. This month, I posed two new questions to students in my polls. I asked if students were satisfied with their SISD education, and if they felt they were getting everything they needed out of their education. Out of the four responses, 1 from Hollis, 1 from Coffman Cove, 2 from Thorne Bay, 25% they were satisfied with their education, 25% unsatisfied, and 50% unsure. When asked if they felt they were getting everything they needed 25% said yes, 75% said that they were unsure.

The reason for dissatisfaction, I'm unsure, but this year has been very difficult for all students. Many students feel disappointed, sad, even angry over how the year has played out and how much more they wanted but couldn't have because of the effects of COVID-19. Students over the year have expressed being unhappy with lack of opportunities, teachers at times, lack of motivation, unhappiness with the school year. It's been hard, I think with the month of school we have left, it's of the utmost importance that we make the most of it. We have one more month to make this school year count so let's find a way to make it what we wish it was before. Find ways to connect, laugh, have fun, forget about the pandemic and everything else that can be troubling our minds. This year students lost their opportunities for Phlight Club, travel with friends, even just see our friends, so we need to find a way to close the year on a positive note. I'm not sure what that could look like, but we need to care for each other and be there for each other. One more month, let's do it right.