



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Board Report: Special Education Department and Assessment

Observations and PBIS Implementation Sharon Fishel from DEED recently visited Naukati School, Coffman Cove, and Hollis School to conduct observations and meet with school teams. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. As a result of this initiative, Hollis and Coffman Cove were each awarded \$7,000. Other schools within the district will also receive \$7,000 upon beginning their PBIS programs.

As part of PBIS implementation, participating schools completed the Self-Assessment Survey (SAS). The SAS is used to evaluate the status of behavior support systems across three tiers:

- **Tier 1 (Schoolwide Systems):** Involves all students, staff, and settings, including non-classroom locations such as hallways, playgrounds, cafeterias, and buses. Early data points indicate a positive school climate and increased natural supports.
- **Tier 2:** Supports targeted groups of students requiring additional interventions.
- **Tier 3:** Focuses on individualized behavior support for students with intensive needs.

Special Services Updates This week, both the Occupational Therapist (OT) and Physical Therapist (PT) are on-site providing services and conducting two evaluations. Additionally, the school psychologist was on the island the week before spring break to conduct evaluations for both Special Education and the Gifted & Talented program.

Additionally, SESA's Autism Specialist has been to the island to provide support and training for some of our paraeducators and met with parents. The specialist also applied for a micro-grant through the Governor's Mental Health Trust to aid in the Life Skills program being implemented in Coffman and Naukati.

MOA with Community Connections An MOA has been signed between the district and Community Connections to continue collaborative efforts in providing support for the Infant Learning Program (ILP) and behavioral support services.

State Assessments SISD will begin state assessments during the first week of April, with the third week reserved for makeup tests. Evert and Matt Gore have been working diligently to ensure all necessary technology components are in place. Most teachers have completed the required state assessment training. To further support test

administrators, Matt and I will be offering a live training and Q&A session on Friday, March 28.

Picture Below: Sharon Fishel (DEED) in Hollis*

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With the students of Southeast Island School District in mind,

Robbin Ann Perkins Askew
Special Programs Coordinator

