



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report – September 2025

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Preschool Grant Update

On August 20, 2025, the district received approval for the .5 FTE Preschool Grant. This award provides vital support to expand access to early learning opportunities. Planning is underway to align program implementation with district goals and state standards.

Federal & State Programs

- **ESEA Grants:** The 2025–26 ESEA State Programs have been finalized and submitted for DEED approval. These include Title IA, Title IC, Title IIA, and Title IVA.
 - **Indian Education Grant:** The 2024 Indian Education grant report has been finalized and submitted. Work on the 2025 grant application is in progress and expected to be completed in the next month.
 - **DEED Audit:** September is the final month to make any changes before the annual DEED audit closes.
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Grants in Development

- **Denali Corporation Infrastructure Grant:** A preliminary application has been submitted for a \$2,000,000 infrastructure grant. If accepted, this would allow the district to apply for full consideration.
- **Career & Technical Education (CTE) Grant:** Work is underway on a grant proposal to support student learning about mining careers. Outreach has been initiated with Dawson Mine and Calder Mine to explore student partnership opportunities. Additionally, discussions with Prince William Sound College are in progress regarding their Millwright program and with UAS for their Mining program, which could provide advanced training

pathways for students. I've also reached out to several companies to see if they would be willing to present to our students.

- **USDA FY 2026 Farm to School Grant Program:** Work is being done on a grant proposal for the SISD greenhouse program. Materials and equipment will be part of this grant proposal.

Grants Awarded

- **DEED Farm to School grant:** \$8406.63 This grant was applied for to provide needed equipment and materials for the greenhouse program.