

September 2019 Board Report **Assistant Principal/Coordinator**

Visits to Sites

I was able to attend the Open House at Howard Valentine School in Coffman Cove on Friday, August 23rd. I have also been out to Naukati School twice while school was in session to see students in action; specifically their use of the VTC courses and the schoolwide implementation of social-emotional learning and behavioral management. On one of these visits, I delivered food out to Whale Pass School. The Secondary level students were out doing their subsistence unit at the time, but it was great to see the elementary students actively participating both in class and in duties to help the school program function.

The Port Alexander staff and I have used Google Hangouts to keep communication regular and timely. The Hyder staff and I communicate by email, landline, and cell phone; whatever is most available and reliable at the time. The Hyder staff and I have also used photos and video to get the clearest understanding of what the site needs and conditions are.

Port Alexander and Hyder have also been requesting curriculum and other materials and I have been working with district office staff to find the best way to get those delivered - typically the U.S. Post Office.

College Credit

Three students are currently taking a total of six college courses. Thank you to Grants Manager Brian Koeschell and Counselor Amy McDonald to for helping me to navigate this system within the district and get students the opportunities they need for post-secondary life.

Elective Thursdays

Since the beginning of the school year I have been working with District Mechanic Alex Hert in the district auto shop to supervise students and advise with academic practices for the Automotive Tech course. It has been a great opportunity for me to learn about the interests and lifestyle of Southeast Island School District students. As the year progresses it is a goal of mine to make regular weekly contact with students from outer sites while they are visiting Thorne Bay for their electives.

Port Alexander, Hyder, and Whale Pass students are not traveling into Thorne Bay for electives but have solid, active, engaging options for students at their sites.

UA Scholars

Howard Valentine School, Hyder School, Naukati School, and Port Alexander School all have students who are eligible for the University of Alaska Scholars program. I am currently working with Counselor Amy McDonald and Associate Superintendent Alan Schwab to be sure that these students get designated so they have access to this program.