



Southeast Island School District Superintendent's Report

May 21, 2025

District Goals

Collaboration: Strengthen and maintain collaborative relationships with the Board of Education and the district team to support student success.

Public Trust: Build public trust and confidence through open, honest communication and by fostering positive connections across our communities.

Recent Engagements

- April 18–20: ATA Spring Nationals — Student Recruitment, Whale Pass
 - April 22–30: National Archery Tournament
 - April 23–25: PBIS Training, Portland
 - April 29–May 1: FBI Safety Presentations in Coffman Cove, Thorne Bay, and Hollis
 - May 15: Hollis Graduation
 - May 16: Thorne Bay/AK Trails Graduation
 - May 20: AK Trails Parent Advisory Committee - Handbook Review
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Upcoming Events

- May 22: Whale Pass Road Project Information and Input Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- May 22: Naukati Graduation @ 6:00 pm

- May 30: Coffman Cove Graduation @ 3:30 pm
- May 31 - June 7: National Close-Up Washington DC
- June 2 - 5: Stream Week
- June 6: Last day of School
- June 22-23: Brightways Training - Montana
- July 11 -16: Kagan Cooperative Learning Training

Legislative News:

Key Provisions of HB 57

- **\$700 Increase in Base Student Allocation (BSA):** The bill raises the per-student funding amount by \$700, marking the first significant permanent increase since 2016.
- **10% Boost in Student Transportation Funding:** To assist districts with rising transportation costs, the bill includes a 10% increase in funding for student transportation.
- **Reading Proficiency Incentive Grants:** Grants are established for schools that achieve specific reading benchmarks. These grants are scheduled to begin in the 2026–2027 school year and are contingent upon the passage of additional revenue legislation.
- **Charter School Policy Reforms:** The bill streamlines the application and renewal processes for charter schools, allowing applications at any time of the year and simplifying renewal procedures.
- **Cellphone Use Regulations:** HB 57 encourages school districts to limit student cellphone use during school hours, promoting a more focused educational environment.
- **Graduate Tracking Initiative:** The Department of Labor and Workforce Development is directed to track high school graduates for 20 years to assess long-term educational outcomes.
- **Establishment of Education Funding Task Force:** A new task force is created to explore long-term solutions for sustainable education funding in Alaska.

Sharable News:

- Increase Communication: PowerSchool, on-line registration, School Messenger, Web-site, Parent Portal and Tools, School Bulletins, E-Collect Forms
- Thorne Bay Housing Project
- COPS Grant - Doors, Lighting, Cameras, Security

- HomeLand Security - Generators, Inreaches, Emergency Supplies
 - 100% of SISD Seniors Graduated
 - Parent Advisory Meeting for AK Trails
 - SISD Budget outlook for FY 26-27
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Shout-Outs & Celebrations

The following successes were shared at our April inservice:

- We had several families inquire about the WP Songham School / Art Consortium / Teacher Apprenticeship
- We have our last RSP site (w/SLP) schedule
- Finished the ATTSA application reviews and interviews.
- Diesel heater training for students
- AK-Star and DRC Testing Done, State-Sync issues resolved
- Post secondary trips are going well, Spokane, Fairbanks, etc..
- Most successful year teaching with coverage for more students with paras, Sped coordinator and Related Service para
- Appreciates the opportunity to work in the TB School
- Seeing the excitement with positive test scores for students
- Kids have been inspired to cook at home after learning skills in class.
- Was able to help on the Archery trip as a chaperone and was able form some great relationship of trust with new students.
- FBI Presentation was a positive presentation
- Was able to reach one of the seniors and she is now getting back on track to graduate on time
- Really good chicken wing dissection lab connected with the muscles and movement unit.
- Two taekwondo students won 10 medals at Spring Nationals, one was nominated for Jr Blackbelt of the year.
- With the help of our amazing co-teachers, our reading groups have been functioning really well!
- Connect more as a school and community involvement in Coffman Cove.

- In TB, students in Home Ec are creating unique projects; all secondary students are writing poetry; the MS is working on partner projects about South America topics and HS students continue to learn about Alaska History.
- Positive connections with students.
- In Naukati, lumber bought for picnic tables made 4 large picnic tables and 1 small picnic table, Taekwondo students have sold close to \$400 worth of tulips and Muscari plants.
- All seniors will graduate
- Positive connections with kindergarteners in reading.
- Watching students connect with learning concepts and improve on assessments.
- In Kasaan, Learning new cooking skills is inspiring students.
- New grant received for Alaska Native Art similar to that learned at the culture camp
- I am excited about the positive progress students are making who receive OT/PT and SLP services.
- Four TB students were chosen to have their poems read with the orchestra.
- Intro to Agriculture HS Students and Elementary students have been excited, positive, and on best behaviors while learning how to care for our fish and aquaponic lettuce, winter sowing seeds, and transplanting seedlings in power plugs. We have made over \$10,000 in sales in only two weekends of flower baskets, vegetables, herbs, and aquaponic lettuce in Thorne Bay. All sites were sent Mothers Day Baskets, soil, and Flowers two weeks ago (Several sites have sold out), and this week vegetable and herbs with soil were sent out to all sites for cafeteria gardens) with positive connections made between students and with City of Thorne Bay Harbor and Rec, City of Craig, Thibeau Ball Field, Craig Parks and Rec, POW Health Care Network, and many local lodges that the students made customized plantings for that they will be able to see bloom and grow around the island this summer!
- Plate to plack program going well for organization and community/school development.
- In Naukati some good results with testing...kids left are still working.
- Learning new methods to help kids and the PBIS training and feeling supported by SISD.
- In Naukati, Purchased lumber was used. Sold flowers for Mother's Day.

Conclusion

Southeast Island School District remains steadfast in our commitment to collaboration, community engagement, and student-centered initiatives. With your continued support, we are building a brighter future for our students and communities. Thank you for your partnership and dedication to our mission.