

Southeast Island School District

Board Report – August 20, 2025

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Site Visits & Administrative Focus

- Returned to **Thorne Bay** last Tuesday.
 - Held a **full day of meetings on Wednesday** with Rod and Scott, focused on:
 - Review of **maintenance projects** completed over the summer.
 - Discussion of **summer accomplishments** across facilities and grounds.
 - Met with **Alex and Transportation** to discuss:
 - Planning for the upcoming year.
 - Vehicle maintenance needs.
 - Location and deployment of vehicles for this school year.
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Facilities & Maintenance

- **Scott and the Maintenance team have been fantastic this summer.**
 - **Thorne Bay School** looks excellent with several upgrades:
 - Carpets thoroughly cleaned across the building.
 - Multiple classrooms repainted.
 - Classroom carpets also cleaned, leaving spaces refreshed and ready for students.
 - **Across all campuses, extensive work has been completed in preparation for the new school year, ensuring that facilities are safe, well-maintained, and welcoming for both students and staff.**
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Professional Development

- **Brightways Training – June (Missoula, Montana):** Many staff attended four days of valuable training focused on student support and success.
- **KAGAN Training – July (Florida):** A large group of staff attended what I believe to be the **best overall professional development I have ever experienced**. The strategies, activities, and lessons gained will be incorporated across campuses this year.
- **PBIS Training – April (Portland, Oregon):** Several staff traveled to participate in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports training.

- **PBIS District Training – Today:** PBIS staff provided an **all-day professional development session for all district staff**, strengthening consistency and best practices across schools.
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Instructional Focus

- Continued emphasis on reading interventions, student engagement strategies, and culturally responsive practices.
 - Supported teachers with curriculum alignment and pacing guides ahead of upcoming assessments.
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Student Travel & Activities

- Met with **Jennifer Andis** to discuss the upcoming year of athletics and activities.
 - Moving forward, **Ms. Andis will coordinate the school calendar of events and activities with Amy Jennings.**
 - **Amy Jennings will serve as the Calendar Director** for this year, ensuring that all activities are recorded on the school calendar and made available to the public in a timely manner.
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Testing & Academic Readiness

- The district will hold its **first round of testing** for the year on **September 8–9**, with makeup testing scheduled for **September 15–16**.
 - Assessments will include **mCLASS/DIBELS benchmark testing** for early literacy and progress monitoring.
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Community Engagement & Acknowledgements

- Participated in **ASC meetings** to provide updates on staffing, facilities, and student needs.
- The **Thorne Bay ASC meeting** was held Monday night, with discussion centered on the upcoming year of events and activities, as well as the budget and current account balance.
- **Back to School, Meet the Teacher, and school cookout** will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 5:30–7:00 pm** at the **Thorne Bay Commons**.
- **Naukati School** will host its **Open House Back to School Cookout** on **Monday, Aug. 25 from 5:30–7:00 pm**.