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Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals
and adapt to an ever-changing world.

It has been quite some time since our School Board has met so this document will cover a bit more information than usual. It is my hope that the information will be beneficial to not only our School Board members but for all SISD stakeholders. These are our students, their parents, our staff and community members.

PEAKS Assessment Results - 2020-21 State testing results have been received by SISD and have been distributed to teachers and parents. State and Districtwide results are included as part of the Board packet along with the State of Alaska Press Release dated 9/7/21. A Parent Guide to Student Reports should have been made available to all SISD parents. If not, parents can ask their child's teacher for a copy of this document.

The Alaska innovative assessment system is attached for your review. This document outlines the state's plans for a new state assessment that will be used in conjunction with our interim MAP Growth data. Attached you will also find the Alaska's Summative Assessments Facts sheet as well as a FAQ sheet. Please reach out to me should you wish to discuss this information in more detail.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation and Prevention Plan - as of date of this report, only two requests have been made regarding our current American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation and Prevention Plan. This plan was approved by the Board on 9/3/21. These two requests will be discussed during the Board Work session on 10/26 @ 4:30pm.

AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool Program - Enrollment for AK-TRAILS is currently at 15 students however, some of these students enrolled after the first day of count so they do not count as a full FTE student for funding purposes. We originally budgeted for a total of 30 students. This is the second year for the SISD AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool program and a lot of planning is still in process as we learn more from students, teachers, and parents. This program had 7 students enrolled at the end of the 2020-21 school year. We are making progress and we continue to look forward to hearing from our homeschool students/parents on how we can improve.

Superintendent Activities - Many meetings were attended over this last month including: SISD Admin, SISD Curriculum Team, SISD Leadership Team, DHSS School Health ECHOs, POW Medical Stakeholders Meetings, SERRC Board of Directors Meeting, ASA Region D meeting and Superintendent Monthly Collaboration, Advisory School Council meetings - stakeholder input, ASA - Alaska Superintendents Annual Fall Conference, Alaska Student Activities Association Meeting, Coaches Handbook review/update

meetings, AK DEED Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review, Elevate Virtual Conference - Oct 5, Teacher Handbook Update, SISD Community Service Projects meeting, etc. That is a LOT of time sitting in a chair! We have some incredible educators and the leadership team that works behind the scenes has spent numerous hours in these meeting to ensure that our students and educators have all they need to be successful. Thank you to each of you for your dedication!

COVID Testing Grant and CLIA Waiver - Pending SISD School Board approval: student and staff COVID testing.

Many school districts throughout Alaska have begun screening students and staff for COVID. Alaska Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS) is providing free testing kits and PPE to school districts and other entities. SISD has recently applied for and has been approved for a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver to provide voluntary COVID tests for students and staff. Students will ONLY be tested if written parent/guardian permission is received, and staff will be tested on a voluntary basis. The DHSS is also providing grants to school districts that plan to start testing in schools. The grant funds will be used for a variety of purposes but most importantly, to provide training for staff at each of our 7 schools to administer the tests, and to read and report results to the DHSS. This will save both time and money for our staff and our families. Currently, our student athletes, coaches, chaperones, etc. must test prior to traveling for a sporting event off island. SISD has a contract with SEARHC to pay for these tests so that it is not an additional burden on our students and their families. Being able to test students and staff will decrease the amount of time students will miss from school due to travel to and from SEARHC and decrease the amount of time staff will miss from teaching their students. If a student or staff member comes to work and has symptoms, instead of being sent home for 10-14 days, they can be tested on the spot. Test results will be received within 20 minutes and reported to the individual being tested and their family as well as DHSS.

District-Wide Position finally filled!!! SISD is thrilled to announce that Shane Williams will be our new district-wide food services coordinator. Shane has already jumped in to his training and will be working with cooks district-wide to ensure that the quality and quantity of our breakfasts and lunches meet federal guidelines. Shane is currently working with the Superintendent in completing our annually required food service operations observations in preparation for the annual audit in January that is required by the state.



Inservice - Oct. 10, 2021 - Thank you to Amy McDonald and Deidre Jenson for planning and running our October 10, 2021 staff Inservice. Beth Buchanon presented to both SISD and KCSD staff on the topic of Neuroscience and Trauma Responsive Training. This was a very successful event!

Edna Bay Visit - Oct. 15 - We are so excited that we were able to visit with the parents and children in Edna Bay. The visit included the superintendent, one of the AK-TRAILS teachers, Cassandra Christopherson, and our Maintenance Director, Branzon Anania. Edna Bay Mayor Tyler Poelstra invited us out to talk with the community members about educational options for their children. Edna Bay has approximately 50 residents and we met at least 9 children and their parents during our visit. Most children were grades K-5 age and a few were toddlers 2 - 5 years old. We had great conversations with the community members, and they seemed happy to hear about the AK-TRAILS program. One family with 4 children enrolled in AK-TRAILS during our visit. This is so exciting for SISD and we are looking forward to working with the children and families of Edna Bay. During our visit, we met a few of the other community members, including the Edna Bay library tech, Sue Crew. The Edna Bay Community Library uses the elementary wing of the two-room school. The City of Edna Bay utilizes the high school

wing. During our visit, we were able to determine the condition of the school and the teacher housing unit. Thank you to the Edna Bay residents who have been taking great care of the school during it's closure. Last but certainly not least, a huge thank you to our boat captain Jay Kohn. He got us from Naukati to Edna Bay safely, and even shared his lunch! Thank you to his wife, Terri Kohn for her exceptional cooking skills and for making enough to share!

The Alaska Alexander Archipelago Tongass and Tidal Science Academy (AAATTSA) (presented by Julia Trischman)

AmeriCorps - The AmeriCorps Resilient Alaska Youth AmeriCorps (RAY) Program works to address high suicide rates and substance abuse in Rural Alaska through a positive youth development program. AmeriCorps partners with rural tribal governments, schools, and non-profits to provide a locally-recruited, paid position that works with youth in the community. This position facilitates youth learning, growth and resilience through in-school, afterschool, and out-of-school programming. This position is at no cost to the partner organization (SISD). SISD currently has 3 year-round AmeriCorps RAY positions, and these are Sabrina Marconi and Denae Carson in Hollis and Maria Lineker in Kasaan. Both Maria and Sabrina are starting their second year with SISD. Maria was in Thorne Bay this past year. There is currently an opening for an AmeriCorps RAY position in Coffman Cove. Let us know if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity!



SISD Ag Program - Last but certainly not least.... A huge thank you to Loni and Peter Nguyen for their generous donation of a 7 Day/6 Night 3-Bedroom Condo at the Worldmark Windsor Resort in Sonoma County California. This was a raffle to benefit the SISD Island Fresh Student Enterprises and the district ag program. The SISD Ag Program Vacation Raffle was held on September 30, 2021 at 12pm. The winner of the raffle was Korrisa Oatman. Congratulations Korrisa and family - enjoy the California sunshine!



Saying Goodbye Sadly - It is with a sad heart that we have to say goodbye to our amazing volunteers in Coffman Cove. Loni and Peter Nguyen have brought so much to our school district and they will be missed. Thank you for all of your hard work and for your dedication to the SISD ag program.