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SISD SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

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Across the district, we have many events and activities occurring in our schools, strengthening our students, and in turn our district. From a teacher's perspective these are opportunities for growth, learning, and may be crucial in the development of a student. To a student, the lens shows a different view, and now, we get to hear it.

As this is my first board report of the school year, I didn't get quite as many responses as I would have liked to see for my monthly student point of view form. I got responses from Whale Pass School, Hollis School, and one response out of Thorne Bay School, so as I have no other schools to report on, I will give an in depth report on these.

Alongside Sandy Curtis, Kaylee Scamahorn, and Sherry Becker, I went to visit Whale Pass School. I would like to first hand thank their entire school for being so gracious and welcoming into their community. They have a wonderful community where learning is valued and treated with great care; it truly was marvelous to see students so engaged in their projects and their class, so thank you to Whale Pass. Prior to our visit they spent the past month engaged in many beneficial activities such as a school walk-a-thon followed by a cookout, and the school setting shrimp pots. They even carved pumpkins this last month, and harvested the potato and tomato plants growing in their school run garden.

In Hollis students have begun archery with coach George Vasquez, and are on a running start with goals for nationals. Even in spite of the cold weather, students are glad to be out on the range and back to shooting. As a science lesson for spherification in molecular gastronomy, students crafted edible water bottles! The experiment overall had challenging points, but the pay off in the end was worth it to the kids who greatly enjoyed the project. In addition, several students across the island had engaged in an outdoor Phlight Club at Sandy Beach on October 23rd, which brought joy to the students and staff who chose to participate.

Overall, students have enjoyed school being back in session and are happy to be reunited with phamily. The only complaint students have expressed overall is in regards to food, and in regards to social interactions. For the past several months, even last school year, students have heavily advocated for meat egg rolls. This stands important to them as they believe that they taste better and don't see the purpose of having vegetable egg rolls when the majority of student population would rather have meat and doesn't fall under dietary restriction such as being vegetarian or vegan. On

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another note, students advocate for larger meal portions. Some campuses outside of Thorne Bay engage heavily in physical activity throughout the school day, and speak out saying the food portions given are too small and don't sustain them well throughout the day. In terms of the food itself, they would like to see more variety to the meals, pizza toppings, fix ins for meals, etc. Finally, students want to see more time for social interaction, they would like to see more time made for maintaining friendships in outer sites, or building friendships. They suggest ways to meet virtually, through games and activities, and even when COVID-19 lightens, having a school dance to boost morale and bring joy to the youth in our district who are in need of friendship and social interaction. With that being said, all SISD students love SISD and think this is the best school district in the world!