

SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report

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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.*

Two weeks of emergency sick leave

This month's report will be short because I have been out on emergency sick leave due to the deterioration of my mother's health.

AmeriCorps

We are pleased to have Maria Lineker return to the island to provide AmeriCorps services. Maria provides youth and family activities for the communities of Thorne Bay and Kasaan as part of RurAL CAP's Resilient Alaska Youth program. She will be arranging a time to visit with school staff soon. Any teachers that would like her to present to a classroom of students, please let her know. In the past, she has provided Karate to students. She will be expanding her Karate training to Kasaan. Maria is also an enthusiastic gardener and has plans to help youth and families as they begin to prepare gardens this growing season. If you know of anyone in your community that would like her support or has agriculture questions, please contact her at mlineker@sisd.org. Maria has wide range of experiences raising chickens, wheatgrass, sunflowers, potatoes, and more. We also have Sabrina Marconie providing services in Hollis and Amy Erfling providing services in Coffman Cove. If you know someone in your community that might be interested in being an AmeriCorps member, please have them contact me for more information or go to the website <http://www.rayprogram.com/>. AmeriCorps is looking for local community members and they receive a monthly stipend of \$1650/month for their services.

Agriculture program

Each school in SISD submitted pre-applications for *Micro-Grants For Food Security*. It is a very competitive grant that received over 2500 pre-applications. If we are selected to submit a full application for this grant, it has the potential to provide \$10,000/year for up to 3 years to develop our agriculture programs. The pre-application budget included funds for both supplies and labor. We are also ready to review requests to be WWOOFer ag volunteers. Once we identify housing for the WWOOFer volunteers and a source of funding to provide volunteers a weekly stipend for food, we can start the process of recruiting WWOOFer volunteers.

Indian education

Part I of the Indian Education grant was submitted. We are waiting for Part II to open for the next steps of this grant application. This grant provides extra funds to our Alaska Native and Indian students that have a 506 form completed that includes their tribal identity.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or suggestions (bkrosschell@sisd.org).