



# SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Board Report May 19, 2021 Sherry Becker, Superintendent

**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.

**Awards & Recognition:** (to be announced during School Board Meeting)

### **Congratulations to our Class of 2021 graduates:**

#### **Hollis School Graduate:**

Caitlin Aspery

#### **Naukati School Graduate:**

Brakaz Anania

#### **Kasaan School Graduate:**

Jacob Fisher

#### **Thorne Bay School Graduates:**

Lynel Alva

Enkhbayer Batsukh

Grace Lacour

**Classified Employee of the YEAR**

**Certified Employee of the YEAR**

**Parent/Volunteer of the YEAR**

**Advisory School Council (ASC) Member Recognition/Appreciation**

**Employee Longevity Recognition**

### **Legislation**

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Overview

- Enacted into law on March 11, 2021
- \$122 billion for the Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Fund
- \$2.75 billion in assistance to non-public schools

- \$3 billion for special education, and additional funding for homeless children and youth, Tribal educational agencies, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives

#### Funds for Alaska

- \$358,707,134 allocated to Alaska
- DEED subgrants 90% of funds to districts based on Title I, Part A
- DEED reserves fund
  - 5% for Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time (\$17.9M)
  - 1% for Summer Learning and Enrichment Programs (\$3.58M)
  - 1% for Comprehensive After School Programs (\$3.58M)
- District grants
  - 20% of the funds must address learning loss

#### American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Milestones:

- May 24, 2021 - Application for ARP funding available in the state's Grant Management System (GMS)
- June 23, 2021 - Updated Smart Start Plans Posted on district website by: June 23, 2021
- August 23, 2021 - Program Details completed in GMS

#### Purpose of the Funds

- Provide safe in-person learning opportunities for students
- Support students' social, emotional, and academic needs
- Address educational inequities that were made worse by the pandemic
- Engage stakeholders and communities in the process of identifying needs and creating goals
- Promote accountability, transparency, and effectiveness in use of funds

#### What can the funds be spent on?

- Sixteen (16) broad categories :
  - Health and safety planning and supplies
  - Providing summer school and after school programs
  - Making facility repairs and air quality improvements
  - Addressing learning loss by increasing existing programs
  - Providing new services to students to accelerate learning

#### Focus on Underserved Students

- Students from low-income families
- Students from each racial or ethnic group
- Gender
- Students who are English learners
- Children with disabilities
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Children and youth in foster care
- Migratory children
- Other groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic

#### What are the needs? - Stakeholder Input

- Moving forward, what do you see as the biggest academic, safety, social, emotional and/or mental health needs for your children or the children you advocate for that are related to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic?
- How you can provide input - Thought Exchange will help us track and record ideas from across the state

#### **SISD Smart Start Plan Revisions:**

Recommendations for Board approval - on agenda

**Reorganization of Duties for 2021-22** - Org Chart included with agenda as an informational item

**Island Fresh Student Enterprise:**

- Paypal link has been added to website for the purchase of vegetables, starts, etc.
- Vacation raffle will begin soon

**Port Alexander Magnet School 2021-22 (planning progress)**

- SISD Website page has added a page specific to the Alaska Alexander Archipelago Tongass and Tidal Science Academy (AAATTSA)
- Report from the Magnet School Coordinator - Julia Trischman

**AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool:**

- SISD Website page has added a page specific to the AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool program.

**Summer 2021:**

District staff met recently and discussed a variety of activities that we are planning to offer for our students this coming summer. Some of these ideas include:

- Week-long ceramics class
- 2-3 day Kayaking trip along Sarkar Lakes canoe route
- Hollis Summer Camp - plans are currently in progress and may include swimming lessons, ceramics, bicycles, gardening, carving, kayaking, robotics, community service projects, technology projects, etc.
- Basic Rifle/Shotgun Shooting & Safety course - with John Stevens
- Aquatic Insects - with Cheryl Fecko
- Drone Piloting Courses for staff and students
- Mixed in with some of this fun - Academics for students who are struggling and/or credit recovery, etc.
- Some schools will be providing a summer food services program. Our Food Services Director is currently working on the applications for this.
- And more!!!

**Summer Food Services Program**

Three SISD schools will be offering a Summer Food Services Program (SFSP) for children 0-18 (not restricted just to the local community)

- Hollis School - daily breakfast and lunch provided for all children 0-18 - up to 50 children per day
- Thorne Bay School - daily breakfast and lunch provided for all children 0-18 - up to 50 children per day - one pick-up per day (will include both meals)
- Whale Pass School - weekly boxes - 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for each child - up to 50 children per day

**Planning for 2021-22 School Year:**

- 2021-22 School Year Calendars:  
All Advisory School Councils have voted on a calendar for the coming school year.
- Fall Inservice 2021-22 plans are in progress - pending approval of 2021-22 calendar
- Fall 2021-22 Leadership Retreat - planned for all district admin and lead teachers - Ketchikan
- Student schedules are in the process of being developed now
- Student Activities - a survey will be going out soon to all students and parents to determine areas of interests for 2021-22 student activities

- Student Electives - Update on student electives for 2021-22 (Charles Becker)

**Staff Openings for 2021-22 (to date):**

All Certified Teacher/Administrator Contracts have been issued. To date, the following positions are available and are being advertised for the 2021-22 school year:

- Whale Pass School: Multi-Grade/Special Education/Lead Teacher
- District-wide: 0.25 - 0.3 FTE Distance Education Math Teacher
- Thorne Bay School: Food Services/Cook 2021-22