



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 thrive in an ever-changing world.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation and Prevention Plan - no changes requested by stakeholders. And no changes recommended by district administration.

AK-TRAILS Correspondence/Homeschool Program - Enrollment for AK-TRAILS is currently at 20 students. Advertising went out a bit too late this year or we would have had quite a few more enrollments. Advertisements and enrollments will begin in July of 2022 for the 2022-23 school year. We continue to look forward to hearing from our homeschool students/parents on how we can improve.

Superintendent Activities

- Administration had the privilege of escorting School Board members Sandy Curtis and Tia Nardini as well as our Student Board Representative Chloe Vasquez to Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School on October 28th. We had a tour of the school and of the school grounds including the orchard, the chicken coop/pens, and the greenhouse. Our volunteers Loni and Peter Nguyen gave us a tour of the greenhouse and explained the intricate details of the work that they do every day to keep the greenhouse running.
- Alaska Education Commissioner Michael Johnson met with superintendents across Alaska on October 28th to discuss updates regarding the new statewide assessment, Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR). This is the new statewide assessment that will be given to all students in grades 3-9 this coming spring. It is a standards-based assessment covering English language arts and mathematics. The Alaska Science Assessment is also a standard's-based assessment and will be given to students in grade 5, 8, and 10. The state's testing window for both assessments will be March 28 - April 29, 2022.
- The Superintendents of the four school districts on Prince of Wales Island continue to meet on a weekly basis to discuss various topics that affect each of our school districts. These meetings began and continue due to the need for better communication between districts on the island regarding COVID-related issues but has expanded to so much more. It is a pleasure to have Bart Mwarey of Hyدابurg City School District, Jim Holien of Klawock City School District, and Chris Reitan of Craig City School District as partners in providing the best education to all students island wide.
- The SISD Leadership Team consists of 11 administrators and department heads including Sherry Becker, Joanna Schneider, Deidre Jenson, Amy McDonald, Chris Page-Haufe, Carol Randolph, Karen Clark, Terri Kohn, Matthew Gore and Branzon Anania and Lucienne Smith. We meet on a biweekly basis to keep all department goals and communication focused on the goals of the SISD.
- The 2021-22 SISD budget revision meetings will begin over the next few weeks based on our final

student count/ADM. It is our goal to present a balanced budget to the School Board during the January 2022 Board worksession and School Board meeting.

- District administration attends weekly meetings with Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). They host a series of school health information sessions intended for superintendents, principals, and school health leaders. The recurring sessions focus on health considerations, answering questions from the field, and establishing a safe school environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Weekly meetings with the SISD Administration Team includes Sherry Becker, Joanna Schneider, Deidre Jenson, Amy McDonald, and Chris Page Haufe. These meetings are for the purpose of planning for upcoming events and handling a myriad of district business items with a proactive mindset.
- The Superintendent had the privilege of attending the Port Alexander Alaska Alexander Archipelago Tongass and Tidal Science Academy (AAATTSA) presentation and awards ceremony on November 2nd. It was impressive hearing about the amazing things that our AAATTSA students were learning about over the last 10 weeks. Although they learned a lot, they also had great fun on all their interesting adventures. Thank you to the community members of Port Alexander for volunteering your time and knowledge for these students. Our AAATTSA students ended their adventure at the Sitka Whale fest which was partially in person and partially virtual. The students have now returned home for the semester and there were many positive phone calls and emails from parents of our AAATTSA students to our AAATTSA host family, Julia and Patrick Trischman, thanking them for keeping their students safe and for providing their students with a once in a lifetime learning experience and adventure.

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

Coffman Cove Greenhouse - Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to both Loni and Peter Nguyen. They had to travel south for personal and professional reasons. Once again, SISD is need of a solution to continue running a 7,000 square foot greenhouse. Please review the statements on the attached document for additional information regarding the SISD greenhouse program, more specifically, the Coffman Cove greenhouse. This is a long document and specific areas have been highlighted should you need to do just a quick scan prior to the Board meeting .