

# SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Board Report November 2020 Brian Krosschell, Grants Department**

*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.*

### **Migrant Education Program**

I have been working on Certificates of Eligibility (COEs) for the families that qualify for the Migrant Education program in our district. In addition to writing the COEs, this is a very time-consuming process requiring phone calls, sending documents back and forth for signatures, and submission to the DEED for approval. We continue to recruit families throughout the school year. After this initial recruitment push, we will start ordering supplies that the families need including books, school supplies, clothing, safety gear, etc.

### **Quarterly Reporting**

This past month is busy with quarterly reports for grants including, Farm to School, Food Service, Alaska Energy Authority, Pre-School, Literacy, Biomass, AmeriCorps, and multiple Migrant Education reports (including Fidelity of Strategy Implementation, Priority For Service, Fall Recruitment Report).

### **Budget Revisions and DEED Title Grant Approvals**

The past month is when Title grant revisions are due based on revised state funding.

### **Agriculture Program**

The Coffman Cove greenhouse is doing well with limited resources. Amy Erfling and Nhung Dinh are doing an excellent job maintaining the large greenhouse, but additional help is needed. Fresh food is being distributed to schools. Hollis and Whale Pass continue to maintain excellent ag programs. We have some outstanding volunteers in Thorne Bay including, Cheryl Nicholson, Shane Williams, Matt Gore, Julie & Patrick Trischman, and Heather & Matt Mendonsa. Without these volunteers, the chickens and plants would not survive. The agriculture program continues to exist in “survival mode.” We hope to get the district’s program back on track to provide student learning activities and parent engagement for our families.

**If you have any suggestions or ideas that need funding,  
please feel free to email me at [bkrosschell@sisd.org](mailto:bkrosschell@sisd.org) .**

## **Title I-C Migrant Education Eligibility Summary**

*The general requirements are:*

(1) **A guardian and child must travel at least 20 miles** from their home to do qualifying work (measured by actual miles traveled, not by air miles). If less than 20 miles, it must be a different school district.

(2) **Qualifying work includes:**

- a. **commercial or subsistence fishing** (dip net, drift net, set net, pole, jig, pots, diving, digging, collecting, seining, trolling, etc.)
- b. **seafood processing** (subsistence cutting, drying, smoking, canning, freezing or processing at places such as Silver Bay Seafoods in Craig)
- c. **commercial logging** (harvesting, planting, thinning, processing, etc.)
- d. **berry picking or processing** (berries cannot be from family land)

(3) **All of the trips must add up to a minimum of 7 nights/8 days** away from home during the past 12 months (including winter trips).

(4) **The activity must be an economic necessity for the family.** It must provide needed food or income that is brought back to the home. It must be considered difficult to continue residence without the food or income from the activity.

*\* If the person fishing, picking, logging, or processing is 14-19 years old, he or she can participate in the activity without an additional guardian. A person 14-19 years old can also qualify as the working guardian for other children.*

*\*\* A child that is attending school in a different school district or homeschooling, but lives within the boundaries of SISD, is eligible for migrant services in both school districts (such as Mt. Edgecumbe or Craig schools).*

*\*\*\* Students that have dropped out of school and not graduated yet are eligible until they turn 20 years old (including students with a GED).*

**The benefits to a student and family include, but are not limited to:**

- (1) **Additional educational resources (such as books)**
- (2) **Opportunities for student support (from the additional funding provided to the school district for migrant students)**
- (3) **Automatically eligible for free lunch and migrant services if the child transfers to another school district (such as Craig or Ketchikan)**

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