

Southeast Island School District

SISD Mission Statement

Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.

SISD Vision

Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

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Dear Members of the Southeast Island School District Board of Education,

Please accept the following as my board report for this month.

Connection Activities: STREAM Week/ PHlight Club

As most of you know STREAM week and PHlight Club are coming up soon and ever since covid we haven't had any big activities going on so this will be the first time in awhile that a lot of the students will be seeing each other again. I think it's important for everyone to have that connection with their students so they're all connected and feel more open to share and express how they feel about matters in our district. I know I am looking forward to seeing everyone again and I am sure others are too.

1. Site Visits:

The Why: Visits promote connection which leads to better communication and understanding. It gives ways for students to connect together. It also is less intimidating then just doing a survey and you get better results if you're talking face to face.

Action: Testing

These last few weeks everyone has been taking state tests throughout the state. There are students who have expressed their feelings strongly on how stressful testing is and how they feel the data is useless since the tests have changed so much. I know we can't control whether or not we test but I think it would be beneficial if we found ways to make testing easier on the students. For example we found that if you split some of the tests in half and had a break in between it gave the students time to not get so tired doing the whole test at once. Also if we got feedback on what the students think will help them with testing.

2. Zoom Meetings:

The Why: Will promote collaboration instead of one way communication. It allows everyone to connect even if they're not in the same area or on the island.

Email:

The Why: Some people communicate more freely over email and it is a good tool to get information out to a group or wide range of people. It also makes some people feel more comfortable than calling to talk over the phone.

Future board report plan:

This is the last board meeting until next year but i'm going to use STREAM week as a way to ask other kids from our district what other input they have for next year and also encourage other students to join the board to help their voices be heard.

Future Connection and Learning:

As covid starts to go away and more options start to open up for the students we will be able to go back to giving students more freedom in doing things for themselves and not having to rely on everyone else to do things they used to be able to do on their own. It also gives them independence and that is what will help them grow as learners.

Respectfully,

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Hollis student/Student Board Representative