



Southeast Island School District Superintendent Report

February 14, 2025

Goals

- **Collaboration:** Strengthen and maintain a collaborative relationship with the Board of Education and the school district team.
- **Public Trust:** Build public trust and confidence by establishing open, honest communication and fostering positive connections across our communities.

Engagements

- Jan 17-18: SERCC Board Meeting
- Jan 22: Senator Murkowski Office - Appropriation Meeting
- Jan 23: Youth Advocacy Applications
- Jan 24: Taekwondo Magnet SISD Program
- Jan 28: Cultural Week Meeting - in Kasaan
- Jan 29: POW Superintendents Meeting
- Jan 30: Dr. Cristal McGill - Inservice
- Feb 7-12: Youth Advocate and School Board Fly-In

Upcoming Events

- Feb 24-26: FY2025 ESEA Monitoring - *attached schedule*
- March 3 - 8: Kasaan Cultural Camp - *See attached flyer and schedule*
- March 7: ASC Training in Thorne Bay (9 AM - 3 PM)
- March 8: School Board Training in Klawock
- March 16-21: Spring Break

Feedback for Dr. Cristal McGill - *See attached*

Board President and SISD Student Representative -

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Shout-Outs

- **Jordan Blankenship** - 1st place in the 5-8 division of the Indigenous Language & Culture category for the iDidacontest!
- **Teagen Taylor** - 1st place for her micro narrative, *Being a Girl*, in the 9-12 division for the iDidacontest!
- Michelle Dempsey & Matt Gore - For working on the Whale Pass Magnet Program.
- Mike Congdon & Scott Randall - For updating teacher housing in Kasaan.
- Lisa Cates, Ben Blair, Molly Kimzey, Tony Lovell & Students - Teagen Taylor, Zoey Gilley, William Aspery, and Jose Vasquez for representing SISD at the Juneau Fly-in.
- Julia Trischman - For continuing the ATTSSA recruitment and program in Port Alexander.
- Eric Hamar - For working with SISD in providing a Cultural Camp for all students.
- Brandy Prefontaine & Luci Nelson - For updates and success of the greenhouses.
- Lisa Cates, Julie Vasquez, April Hoy & the Hollis Team - For hosting an excellent inservice in Hollis.
- Trapper Nelson & the Custodial Team in Thorne Bay - For taking ownership of cleaning the school.
- Amanda Blankenship - For positive communication and providing diverse activities for SISD students.
- Karen Clark - For navigating state retirement system challenges and ensuring SISD staff support.
- Terri Kohn - For handling travel arrangements and accommodating last-minute changes.
- Astrid Richard-Cook & Theresa Randall - For ensuring compliance with ESEA and supporting migrant students.
- Cassandra Christopherson & the Naukati Team - For successfully writing and receiving a grant for the final steps of the School Improvement Plans.

- Amy Killian - For navigating federal grant changes and providing student opportunities such as first aid training, welding, and Toyo stove repair classes.
 - John Stevens - For providing archery training and shoots for SISD students.
 - Thorne Bay Instruction Staff - For ensuring TB students receive strong academic support and access to art, music, and culinary arts.
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Conclusion

Southeast Island School District is dedicated to fostering collaboration, community engagement, and student-centered initiatives. Your continued support is vital to our success. Together, we are building a brighter future for our students and communities. Thank you for your partnership and commitment to our mission.

DAGWII GÁWTLAAS WINTER SERIES CULTURE CAMP

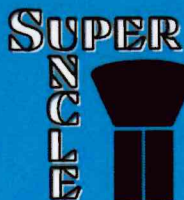
MARCH 3RD-7TH

KASAAN, AK

9AM-3PM

Hawiit uu!

Join us in Gasa'áan Gáwtlaas for a week of culture and tradition at our winter series culture camp! Attendees will participate in customary and traditional hunting and harvesting practices, as well as food and hide preservation. There will also be classes on Xaad Kil, metalsmithing, and other traditional arts and activities. Morning coffee hour, lunch will also be provided. This is an all ages event!



For more information

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DAGWII GAWTLAAS SCHEDULE

HARVEST CREW: GEORGE N, FRANK N, CLAUDE Y, TONY C(?) SHAWAAN J(?)
 FOOD PREP: GEORGE N, FRANK N, CLAUDE Y, TONY C, ROB K, SHAWAAN J(?)
 XAAD KIL: BEN Y, DOLORES C, LISA L, ROB Y, EMILY E
 COPPER SMITHING: TIM W, TIM F
 FORMLINE: COREY B
 DANCE SCREEN PROJECT: COREY B, JANINE G
 WEAVING: HOLLY C, REBECCA F

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7
8 AM-9 AM	Morning coffee hour	Morning coffee hour Seal harvest 8am-11am	Morning coffee hour Seal harvest 8am-11am	Morning coffee hour Sea Lion harvest 8am-12pm	Morning coffee hour
9 AM-12 PM	Opening Circle Xaad Kil (all) Food Prep class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing	Morning Circle Xaad Kil (all) Food Prep class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing	Morning Circle Xaad Kil (all) Food Prep class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing	Morning Circle Xaad Kil (all) Food Prep class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing	Morning Circle Xaad Kil (all) Food Prep class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing
12 PM-1 PM	Lunch Abby/Jason	Lunch Abby/Jason	Lunch Abby/Jason	Lunch Abby/Jason	Lunch Abby/Jason
1 PM-3 PM	Crab/Shrimp Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing Afternoon Circle	Food Prep class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing Afternoon Circle	Food Prep Class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing Afternoon Circle	Food Prep Class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing Afternoon Circle	Food Prep Class Formline/Screens Weaving Coppersmithing Final Circle
4 PM-5 PM	Open workshops	Open workshops	Open workshops	Open Workshops	Open Workshops

SISD FY25 ESEA Monitoring

February 24-26, 2025

Monday, Feb 24	
10:15am	Arrive in Klawock – Kelsey Smiley, Adrienne Schwartz
12:30pm-1:00pm Zoom Link	Entrance Meeting DEED Attending: Kelsey Smiley, Sarah Emmal, Adrienne Schwartz, Pat Sidmore, Eli Barsy, Jessica Paris, Courtney Preziosi, Christy Roe District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Rod Morrison, Chris Page Haufe, Tristy Morrison, Shaine Nixon, Lucienne Smith, Robbin Perkins, Theresa Randall
1:00pm-1:30pm Zoom Link	General Provisions (GP 1-3) DEED Attending: Kelsey Smiley District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Chris Page Haufe
1:30pm-2:15pm Zoom Link	Educator Qualifications (I-A 27-31) DEED Attending: Adrienne Schwartz District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Chris Page Haufe
2:15pm-3:15pm Zoom Link	Title II-A (II-A 1-10) DEED Attending: Adrienne Schwartz District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Rod Morrison
	Site Visit with Thorne Bay DEED Attending: Kelsey Smiley Principal: Shaine Nixon Teacher: TBD Parent: TBD
Tuesday, Feb 25	
9:00am-9:30am Zoom Link	School Improvement (I-A 32-33) DEED Attending: Christy Roe (virtual) District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Rod Morrison, Shaine Nixon
9:30am-10:15am Zoom Link	Fiscal Requirements (FR 1-4) DEED Attending: Courtney Preziosi (virtual) District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Lucienne Smith
10:15am-11:15am Zoom Link	Title IV-A (IV-A 1-6) DEED Attending: Pat Sidmore (virtual) District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Robbin Perkins
11:15am-12:15pm Zoom Link	Foster Care (I-A 24-26) DEED Attending: Jessica Paris (virtual) District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Rod Morrison
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Break
1:15pm – 3:15pm Zoom Link	Title I-C (I-C 1-10) DEED Attending: Sarah Emmal (virtual) District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Theresa Randall
3:15pm-4:00pm Zoom Link	English Learners (I-A 19-23) DEED Attending: Eli Barsy (virtual) District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook
Wednesday, Feb 26	
9:00am – 11:00am Zoom Link	Title I-A DEED Attending: Kelsey Smiley District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Robbin Perkins
11:00am-11:30am	DEED Internal Team Meeting
11:30pm-12:00pm Zoom Link	Exit Meeting DEED Attending: Kelsey Smiley, Sarah Emmal, Adrienne Schwartz, Pat Sidmore, Eli Barsy, Jessica Paris, Courtney Preziosi, Christy Roe District Attending: Astrid Richard-Cook, Rod Morrison, Chris Page Haufe, Tristy Morrison, Shaine Nixon, Lucienne Smith, Robbin Perkins, Theresa Randall
12:00pm	Depart Thorne Bay to Klawock
2:00pm	Depart Klawock - Kelsey Smiley, Adrienne Schwartz

In-Service Sign-In & Evaluation – January 31, 2025

23 responses

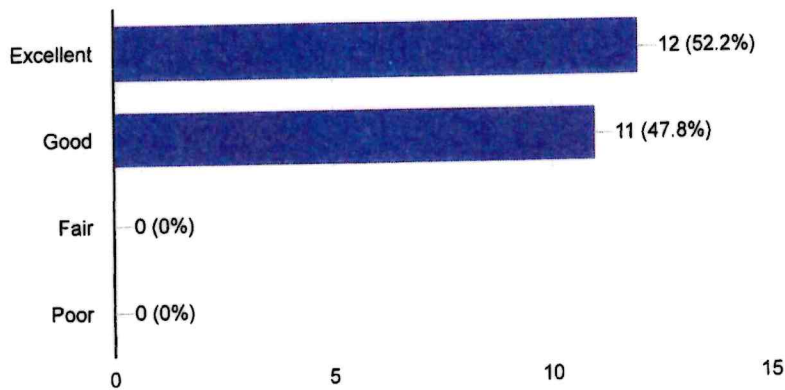
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How would you rate today's session?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

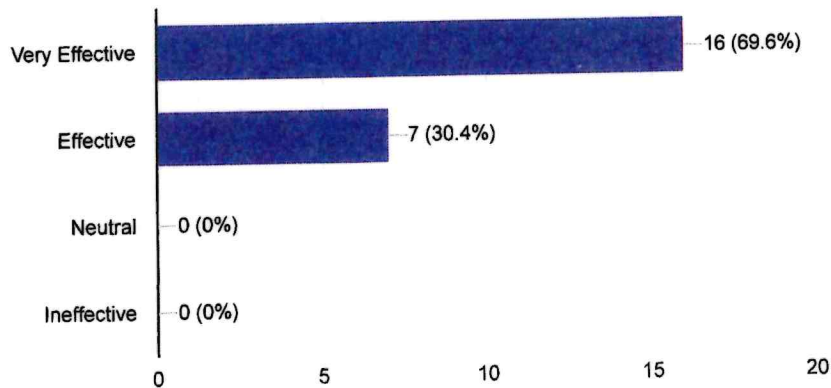
23 responses



How effective was Dr. Cristill McGill in engaging the audience?

Very Effective Effective Neutral Ineffective

23 responses



What did you find most useful or impactful from the session?***

23 responses

Discussion about keeping students engaged and hearing others input.

State changes, engager activities

There was so much! Remembering that meeting students' social needs will keep them engaged and wanting to return to school, that we need breaks to reset our minds, that the breaks can be short (pencil "trick" example), that our word choice is extremely important in framing content...

Learning multiple ways to engage students

how to keep kids attention

sharing with others

Allowing Staff to be engaged in the discussion of questions.

The time to connect in meaningful ways with fellow staff.

Spending time with staff

The engagement tasks

Reminders about how to "reset" the students and to continue working to improve engagement through various methods as discussed.

I especially appreciated the tips for engaging lessons ("teaching to the crest") and the tips for effective teacher talk to reframe tasks/empower students and get the msot out of them.

sharing with other teachers

The activities, collaboration with fellow educators. I am excited to read her book.

Good ways to engage and include relevance and value to teaching.

Paired Interviews

Useful tools for keeping students engaged.



I really loved the research and strategies. They didn't translate well to Zoom which is okay. Picking a Zoom champ you made admin removed from running the inservice may help.

the listening exercises

Truly listening is something I need to work on

Tricks and techniques

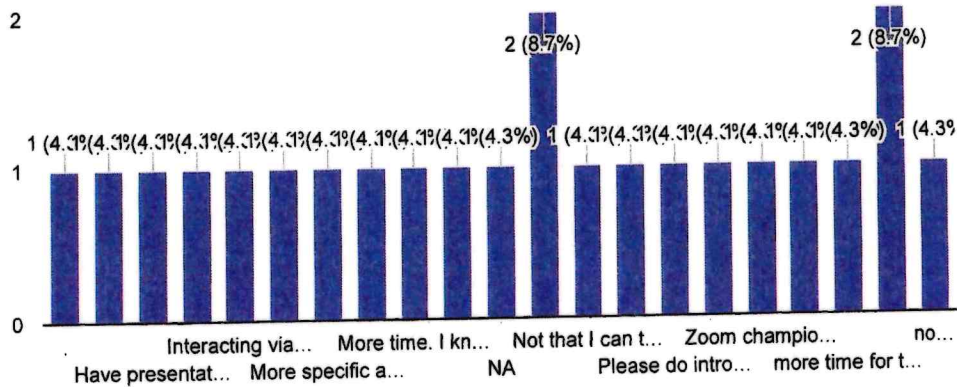
I often gloss over in my mind many of the key logistic details of teaching and got many helpful tips today in how to carry this out while keeping students engaged.details



What improvements or suggestions do you have for future sessions?

Your response:

23 responses

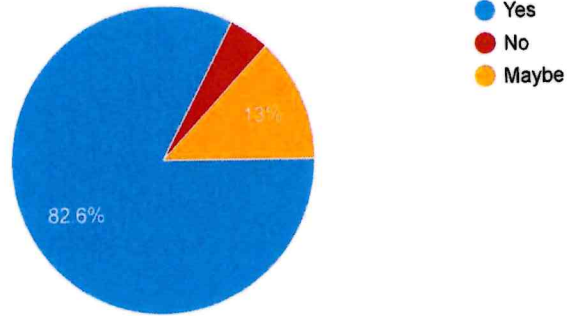




Would you be interested in attending more sessions on similar topics?

Yes No Maybe

23 responses



Additional Comments:

Your response:

23 responses

Thank you for a job well done!

There were a lot of interruptions to her presentation that maybe could be avoided next time.

I thought that she was terrific! It would be great to have her spend a week or two with us, visiting classrooms and giving feedback, or just demonstrating.

Enjoyed more in-depth conversations with co workers

this was a very helpful session thank you

Thank you for your time!

Good day/improvised where needed/power outage/ cooking could have been clearer.

Thank you! I'd also love to see a longer opportunity for other staff. Her presentation was great for classroom teachers. We have so many support staff who don't decide on how a class is run - it would be very beneficial to provide opportunities for the paras and coaches to get similar training more focused on how they can support the learning of the class- and then have time for teachers to collaborate with paras and coaches to implement new skills and tools they learned. I see three-day sessions that would have her in front of classroom teachers for a day, then a day with support staff, then a third day where the support staff and teachers could have collaboration planning time that she is there and available to work through some guided conversations in teams and be available for troubleshooting. And coaches could benefit from her explanation of Frames and communication tips- she is great at helping to get "buy in". And communication tips with parents.

n/a

N/A

Thank you for another great in-service!

GREAT presentation! Wish I would have been able to be there in person.

none

The staff and community of Hollis di a fabulous job hosting and welcoming all.



Hollis hospitality was amazing. The meals were excellent!

Thank you for the opportunity to attend PD with so many staff.

NA

Really liked you brought an expert to share research and model.

I loved it, thank you!

Truly appreciate you doing our in-service and being flexible to those of us that couldn't make it.

None

Thank you for allowing me to participate. Today will aid me in my quest to refine my teaching practices.

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