

# SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Board Report

April 2021

**Brian Krosschell, Grants Manager**

*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.*

### **Agriculture Program**

The school district has been extremely fortunate to have connected with Loni and Peter Nguyen. They are excited to help us with our agriculture program in Coffman Cove and they have a special interest in the aquaponics system. Connecting with them was a blessing that happened at just the right time because the Coffman Cove AmeriCorps member, Amy Erfling, will be leaving to take a job in another part of SE Alaska. We are very thankful for Amy's expertise with the aquaponics system. Before she leaves, she is training our new help. We also want to thank Priscilla Goulding for volunteering to be the point person for the aquaponics system during the staff transitions.

### **AmeriCorps Resilient Alaskan Youth (RAY) Program**

Peter Nguyen is interested in replacing Amy Erfling as the AmeriCorps member in Coffman Cove. We are also fortunate to have Maria Lineker helping again in Thorne Bay and Kasaan as well as Sabrina Marconie in Hollis. Their support with the youth and agriculture program has been incredibly helpful. The AmeriCorps RAY program has a limited number of members each year for Alaska. There are about 25 participants across Alaska, so we are lucky to have three. I requested a few more for next year. More information about AmeriCorps' Resilient Alaskan Youth program can be found at: <http://www.rayprogram.com/>.

### **Title V Rural Education Achievement Program**

The federal Title V REAP grant application will be submitted this month. Title V funding is to address the needs of rural, low-income schools for initiatives aimed at improving student achievement. We have been using these funds to support our teacher recruitment, retention, and human resource management. We expect to receive approximately \$6700 from this grant program.

### **Title VI Indian Education**

Part II of the Indian Education grant application opened April 5th. This application is a multi-step process with a deadline of May 14. This grant provides extra funds to our Alaska Native students that have a 506 form completed that includes their tribal identity. These funds can be used for a wide variety of services for qualifying Native students.

### **Alaska Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant**

SISD was one of 16 school districts in the state that were awarded this grant. We are in the second year of the grant. We participated in DEED's Spring Convening for grantees on April 1st. This was an opportunity for SISD to share our progress as well as receive guidance for the year-end progress report that is due May 1<sup>st</sup>. We were awarded approximately \$1,200,000 over five years to collaborate with four other small districts to provide staff training and improve student literacy skills. More information can be found at: <https://education.alaska.gov/information-exchange-blog/deed-spotlight-energizing-literacy>

### **Pre-Elementary Grant**

SISD was one of 17 school districts in the state that were awarded a three-year pre-elementary grant. This year is the 1<sup>st</sup> of three years for this grant. We will receive \$447,000 for the 3 years of the grant. More information about this grant is at: <https://education.alaska.gov/earlylearning> .

### **Quality Schools Grant**

The grant application for next school year is due May 1. The year-end report is due soon after that. The amount of this grant varies each year. It is generally a little more than \$10,000. The use of this funding is very flexible. This year it was used to pay for curriculum materials. More is available at <https://education.alaska.gov/quality-schools> .

### **Alaska Energy Authority Village Energy Efficiency Program**

We are wrapping up the AEA Outdoor Lighting grant. We received \$125,000 for high efficiency lighting. This grant project will be completed April 30<sup>th</sup> and final reporting completed soon after that. More information at <http://www.akenergyauthority.org/>

### **Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Grant**

Final reporting for the RCORP Opioid grant was completed on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This project was for planning opioid addiction intervention activities on Prince of Wales Island and it was coordinated by Kristi Kunhert. It was extended into this school year because of Covid-19.

### **Farm to School Grant**

Final reporting for the Farm to School grant is being completed. This grant supported our agriculture program and helped us supply fresh food to our schools. Application rules restrict us from applying again for at least 3 funding periods. The grant was extended into this school year because of Covid. More information can be found at: <https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/alaska-farm-to-school>

### **Village Clean Water Planning Grant for Whale Pass**

Branzon and I helped Randy Tolman in Whale Pass submit a planning grant to develop plans for a possible well to serve the community and school. If they are successful with the planning grant, the next step is applying for a construction grant.

**Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or suggestions ([bkrosschell@sisd.org](mailto:bkrosschell@sisd.org)).**