



Southwest Region School District

Indian Policy & Procedures

Responses to Parental, Community Member, and Tribal Council Feedback

February 19, 2024

Dear Parent,

Southwest Region School District (SWRSD) values feedback from parents, community members, and tribal organizations. Communication is a key component to having more collaborative opportunities between SWRSD and parents. It is important that you have access to information about educational programs and have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and provide suggestions.

In October, surveys were sent to parents and Tribal organizations to solicit feedback about the education programs in the district. In addition, each year there is a public meeting at each of our schools outlining the educational programs, curriculum resources, and individual school plans. The survey results were collected, as well as, the questions and comments from the public meetings. Below are the responses to the questions and comments.

Results from the survey can be found at: <https://www.swrsd.org/Page/140>

Date of Public Meetings

Aleknagik – December 12, 2023

Chief Ivan Blunka – November 14, 2023

Koliganek – February 13, 2024

Togiak – December 1, 2023

Clarks Point – January 17, 2024

Manokotak Nunaniq – January 17, 2024

Twin Hills – January 23, 2024

William Sonny Nelson – October 19, 2023

The next few pages have the responses to questions posed and a list of comments made with seeking feedback.

Question 1 – what is being done to ensure the funding sources continue, specifically with Bristol Bay Regional CTE program (BBRCTE)?

The BBRCTE program seeks a number of grants to support the program. There also a multitude of partnerships with regional and state organizations that provide support of programs including but not limited to BBEDC, BBNC, the Iron Workers Association, Alaska Native Education Grant, Lake & Peninsula School District, Southwest Region School District, Dillingham City School District, and Bristol Bay Borough School District.

Question 2 – Can Title IA funds be used to purchase educational materials?

Yes, as long as the educational materials are approved by the SWRSD Instruction Department and are aligned to the specific Title IA Schoolwide plan.



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Question 3 – Can the Migrant Education program pay for medical or behavioral assessments/referrals?

No. The migrant program can help connect parent with organizations that provide these services but can't pay for the costs.

Question 4 – Can the distance Yup'ik Studies teacher be able to split the Yup'ik Studies classes at the small site from grades K-5 to grades K-2 and grades 3-5?

The district has a limited number of qualified staff for these courses which makes it challenging to break the instruction into smaller grade spans. The District will take this into consideration for future classes.

Question 5 – Why is I-time (intervention time) not longer used?

After input from a stakeholders, it was determined that for middle and high school students, it would be more beneficial for students to be in classes where interventions could be implemented for specific content areas.

Question 6 – When students use Plato, does it show them videos?

Yes, there are embedded videos in the lessons. Each lesson shows line for line how to work out the problems.

Question 7 - Can the students bring home their laptops to do their Plato class if we have Starlink?

High school students can bring their laptops.

Question 8 - Is the district still using reading mastery?

Yes. While Reading Mastery is no longer being used as the core reading curricula, it is being used to support students needing intensive reading interventions.

Question 9 – Is AKCIS being used? Has someone shown students how to use AKCIS?

AKCIS is still being used in the district when possible. The Bristol Bay Regional CTE program (BBRCTE) is provided a district-wide counselor to work with high school students in the areas for post-secondary planning and transition.

Comment 1 – Need to follow the physical education curriculum.

Comment 2 – The district is doing a good job integrating projects into the curriculum.

Comment 3 - Would like to see classes focusing on college prep, resume writing, college applications, graduation prep class/life prep class.



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Comment 4 - Would like to see Yup'ik language classes in person for HS students, geared to meet the needs of our students.

Comment 5 - Provide an easier way to provide feedback to the district. Maybe create a button to click on the homepage that will bring up a email that feedback can be sent too.

There are a number of opportunities for parents to provide comments or ask questions including but not limited to the following:

- Public comment section of SWRSD School Board meetings
- Public comment section at local CSC meetings
- Complete questionnaire's or feedback forms
- Participate in the Parent Advisory Committee (still have an open seat for a parent from Clarks Point)
- Contact your local principal
- Provide comment by email at feedback@swrsd.org

You can access educational program resources at www.swrsd.org under the Parent Information tab.

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