

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION



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planning for the upcoming year and recruiting new staff..

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Working with eRate program auditors and have completed Educational Tech Plan.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Work progresses on Indian Education program grant application.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Child Find and end of year activities begin.

MAINTENANCE

Work is progressing well on new school construction and preparations are underway for summer work at sites.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Spring orders, the FY09 budget process and preparations for new financial software package were the focus of this past month.

STATE TESTING AT SITES



Parent night in Manokotak the night before testing began.

Students took state-mandated tests during the week of April 1, 2008. The principals were very pleased with how the students took the state tests.





TOGIAK GIRLS GO TO STATE BASKETBALL TOURNEY!

Togiak girls represented Southwest Region School District very well at the state tournament with their second place finish. A great end to a great season. Congratulations to Coach Carlos and the girls on their success!



RECRUITING

The recruiting process is going very well. We have some fine, young, new staff joining us next year. Tara Cooke, our new science teacher in Togiak e-mailed me the picture below.

The Minneapolis job fair is composed of two fairs. The Alaska Job Fair is at the Holiday Inn in Minneapolis on Sunday April 13, 2008 and then we will be going to the main Minneapolis Job Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Monday April 14, 2008.

The Anchorage Job Fair will start on April 18, 2008.



NEW SCHOOL

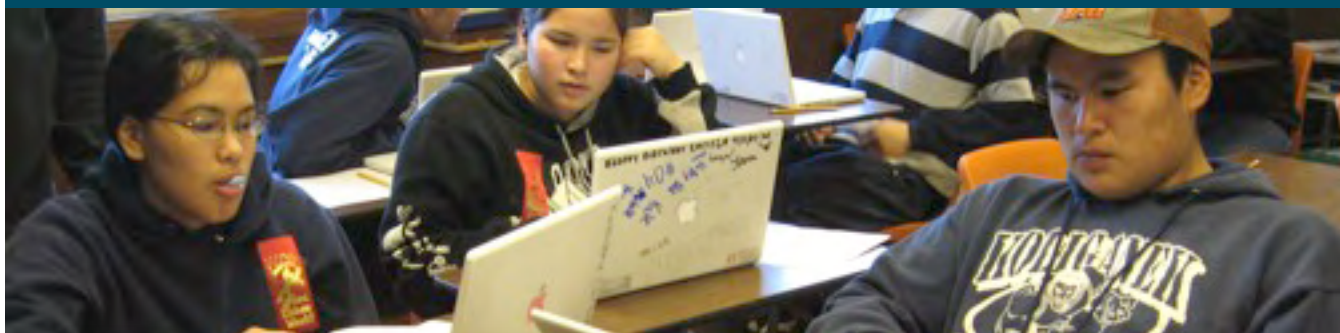
The construction crew at New Stuyahok will be doing the outside wall covering over the next month. They have started hanging sheet rock throughout the building. They have also started on the hallways and will be working throughout the school during the coming weeks.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The governor signed (HB 273). This bill boosts state support for K-12 education through additional funding for the Base Student Allocation, the District Cost Factor, Intensive Needs students, pupil transportation and a hold-harmless factor for shrinking enrollments.

GRADUATION DATES

Site	Date	Time
Togiak	May 12th	1:30 PM
New Stuyahok	May 9th	2:00 PM
Manokotak	May 8th	3:00 PM
Koliganek	May 15th	1:00 PM
Aleknagik	May 15th	6:00 PM
Clarks Point	May 10th	2:00 PM
Ekwok	May 13th	1:00 PM
Twin Hills	May 14th	1:00P



INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY

David Piazza, Information Systems Director

E-Rate

Our applications for next year's service remain under "Initial Review". This is normal for this time of year. We continue to wait for questions from the Program Integrity Assurance team.

The Compliance Attestation Examination "audit" of the district's compliance with the policies and procedures of the E-Rate program is ongoing. The audit includes Distance Learning Services provided in the 2002-2003 school year, Basic Maintenance Services for the Togiak Phone system provided in the 2005-2006 school year, long distance services provided in the 2005-2006 school year and Internet Access services provided in the 2006-2007 school year.

Since the time of the last Board Report, we have responded to several questions regarding the documentation that we supplied to the audit team. At this time there are no issues to report.

The team is expected to arrive in Dillingham and fly directly

out to Togiak on Thursday, April 10th to conduct an on-site inspection. The inspection is to include the observation of the Phone System in the data closet, as well as the operation of the district's Internet services. The other school sites will be receiving phone calls from the audit team with several questions regarding the installation and operation of services at each school.

Site Support

During the past month, site support has been able to be performed remotely utilizing the Apple Remote Desktop and other tools to assist staff members and students with issues over the internet.

E2T2

The teachers who are part of this Project have completed the first monthly meeting with the State. This meeting focused on Strand I-The Alaska Content Standards and The Alaska Content and Performance Standards (GLEs); Strand II-The Alaska Computerized Formative Assessment (ACFA) Test Builder; and

Strand III-Technology Integration.

Technology integration equipment purchased for the specific classrooms under this grant is beginning to arrive for classroom use.

STUDENT RECORDS/ POWERSCHOOL SUPPORT

The Participation Report due April 22 is nearing completion. This documents the students who should have completed the appropriate SBA and the data is used by the State during AYP calculations. The End of Year NCLB/OASIS Reports which is not due until July 15th is in process as well.

Media Center

Shannon Clouse, Media Specialist, is currently out on Maternity Leave, but had left enough direction for the RIF orders to be shipped out to sites as the books arrive. The schools should be holding two RIF celebrations and distributions before school ends this Spring. See the latest addition of the SWRS News for more information from around the District.



FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

Dennis Simmons, Federal/State Programs Director

FY090 NCLB CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

Still working on the new NCLB application. A first draft should be available for your review in the May board packet.

GRANT WORKSHEET SUMMATION REPORT

Completed grant worksheet summation based on Business Manager reports showing expenditures through March 31, 2008 (see attached). In addition, requests for reimbursement of grant expenditures are being completed for the third quarter, along with the appropriate budget revisions.

BOARDING HOME REPORT

Completed Boarding Home Budget Report for reporting period Jan. 1 through March 31, 2008 (see attached). This report is updated and sent to the state for reimbursement every quarter.

INDIAN EDUCATION

Completed Part II of the Indian Education Grant Application, which includes program information and budget (see attached). Although the student count decreased this year by ten students, the grant allocation increased \$7,914 for a total allocation of \$198,587. A copy of the grant was sent to the principal at each site.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

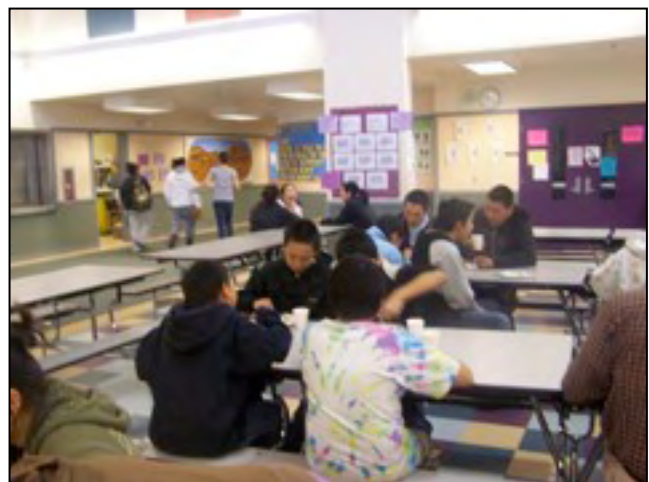
Ruth Umlauf, Special Education Coordinator

Current Activities

- Alternate Assessments completed.
- Coordinating with specialist for site visits.
- Optix training for use with special education records.
- Togiak and New Stuyahok Head Start Child Finds completed.
- Principal and continuing special education staff inservice on special education procedures.
- Collecting information and filling out Special Education Grant Applications for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Getting information ready for OASIS and other state special education reports.
- Travel to Togiak, New Stuyahok, Manokotak, Koliganek

Upcoming Projects & Activities

- Developing Special Education Reference Guide for special education teachers.
- Getting materials together for End of the Year Teacher Checkout.





MAINTENANCE \$ FACILITIES

Rick Dallmann, Maintenance Director

NEW STUYAHOK

- Job is progressing on schedule
- Electrical & Mechanical rough In Inspection has been completed
- Windows and Vapor Barrier have been installed
- Sheetrock work is in full swing
- Roofing & Siding Sub- Contractor is scheduled to start late April
- Barge has left Seattle and is scheduled to be in Bristol Bay last week of April
- Teacher housing project is on schedule materials are on the barge
- Sewer and water Engineering is completed
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation loans have been Conditionally Approved
- Working with Bristol Bay Campus on Maintenance training
- Lagoon project with ANTHC is scheduled for summer construction.

TOGIAK

- Working on land transfer issues.
- Working on soils re-remediation plan
- Scheduling for demo completion
- Working on Dust collection system final work to be completed this summer

CLARKS POINT

- Lighting project was completed during spring break
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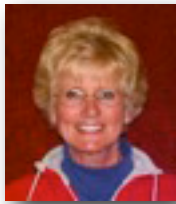
MANOKOTAK

- Materials have been ordered for the Teacher housing project at the new school site. Work is scheduled to start the end of April, with completion by Aug.1.

DISTRICT-WIDE

- Water system training is scheduled for April 10th and testing is on Friday
- This is for our on site water system operators continuing education
- Working with sites on spring Janitorial orders.
- Fuel Bid Documents are prepared and sent out to Vendors
- Fuel Bid opening is scheduled for April 16th @ 9:00 am 2008
- Food Service is making site visits taking inventory and preparing site menus to use existing stock and finalizing orders for fall deliveries .





BUSINESS OFFICE

Diane Simmons, Business Manager

SPRING ORDERS

Spring orders that were submitted to vendors are arriving at the sites and the secretaries are letting us know so we can pay when invoices are received. Cindy in Purchasing will follow up with the vendor on any missing items. Principals were reminded that they can still send in orders and they will be processed to take advantage of using end-of-year-money, but will not be faxed to the vendor until mid-July so delivery can take place when staff is at the school.

FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

The schedule for implementing the new financial software will coincide with the end of the fiscal year. Financial recording will begin July 1 on the new system so the present system will not be used for financial as of June 30, 2008. The new agreement includes transferring the last two years of data to the new system so most research will be done using the new software. The present software will be used for history for a few years.

PRELIMINARY AUDIT

Altman, Rogers & Company, SWRSD auditors, have sent information to us so we may begin preparing for their visit here from April 28 through May 2 to complete the preliminary audit. The date of the final audit will be the week of August 25.

FY09 BUDGET

It is our understanding that the legislature is considering a grant for FY08 adding \$100 per student based upon October count to assist school districts to meet rising energy costs. Hopefully by the time of the Board meeting, the decision will have been made.

PAYROLL PROCEDURES

A letter was sent along with the checks the end of March notifying everyone that classified employees would be paid monthly effective July 1. A reminder will be sent out with every paycheck through June.

