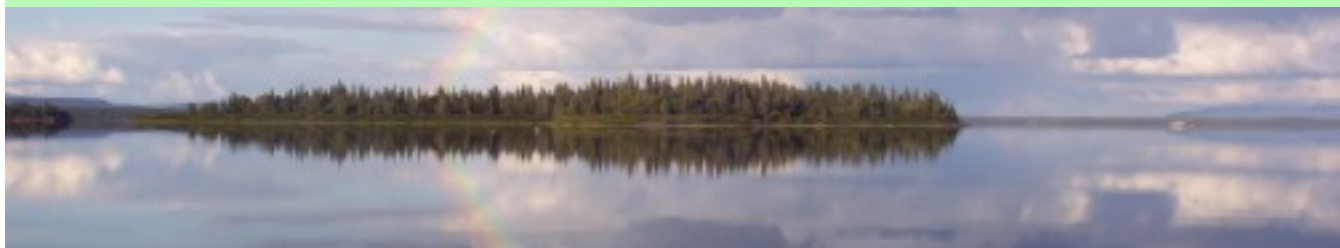


# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION



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*a great year winds to a close and we look ahead to next year.*

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**  
**Jack Foster, Superintendent**



## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

### K-12 INSTRUCTION & ACTIVITIES

Curriculum work draws to a close for this year and students return from a successful NYO tournament at state.

### INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Finishing with eRate review and are working on the District Technology Plan.

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Work draws to a close on grant applications and end of year reports.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

End of year site visits and reports are nearly done.

### BUSINESS OFFICE

Spring orders are being finished and work progresses on the new financial software installation.

## GRADUATIONS



I will be attending all of the graduations again this year. I am very proud to say that in the last three years I have attended all of our graduations. These are special days for parents and students alike that mark important milestones.

SITE	DATE	TIME
Togiak	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 PM
New Stuyahok	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM
Manokotak	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM
Koliganek	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM
Aleknagik	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM
Clarks Point	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM
Ekwok	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM
Twin Hills	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM



**RECRUITING FOR 2008-2009**

As of May 6, 2008 we need one more teacher to hire for next year. We have worked very hard to find great teachers to come to our district. We have a great group coming for next school year.



Tara Cooke - new science teacher

**NEW SCHOOL**

The new school construction in New Stuyahok is going very well. It is going to be a beautiful building. I thought that you might like to see the view from one of the rooms in New Stuyahok's new school (right).





## INSTRUCTION & ACTIVITIES

**Mike Patrick, K-12 Instruction Director**

### ACTIVITIES

Southwest Region School students go for the gold at this year's NYO in Anchorage. Angelica Whitley and Evan Petla won gold in the 2-foot high kick. Angelica also finished in 5th in the kneel jump, Nick Petla finished 5th in the AK high kick. Jesslin Peters won bronze in the Indian Stick Pull. This tops off an excellent year for our students at State level competition. In addition, they captured Academic titles at the regional in Volleyball and at the State in Wrestling.

### CURRICULUM

The Language Arts committees completed their work. Linda Patrick presented the results at the April 22 Board meeting for their approval.

The supplemental, Math in the Cultural Context has concluded their grant activities for the year. Four teachers will be attending the summer math institute in Fairbanks. In addition, 7 teachers will be attending Open Court training in July.

All the sites have finished their book and supply orders for next year. Supplies should start arriving at the schools before the end of the year. A second round of materials will be ordered over the summer to arrive in the fall. The next school year is already underway.

### PRINCIPALS' MEETING

Superintendent Foster addressed the principals on the topics of "End of the Year Procedures and Next Year's In-service Plans." All directors reviewed their sections of the end of the year Checkout Reports and a lengthy Q&A session was held. Linda Patrick presented an end of the year calendar for District assessments and Dennis Simmons discussed changes in the reporting of data for the Migrant Ed Grant. A short discussion was conducted on class scheduling.

In addition, there was a distance delivery presentation from Gail Greenbaugh from SERRC. She discussed special education issues relating to Manifestation Determination procedures. Site special education teachers also had access to this presentation.

### STATE TESTING

The State SBA testing is completed. The principal's impressions of the testing at the sites were very positive. They tried different incentive programs this year. Now, they just have to wait for the results. By the time you read this all of the District secondary testing should be completed and sent to the District Office for data entry.





## INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY

**David Piazza, Information Systems Director**

### **E-RATE**

Our applications for next year's service remain under "Initial Review". Usually we have received a few questions from the Program Integrity Assurance team regarding our application by this time, however this is not unusual to wait for the processing of applications. We have been told that our application should not be held up even though we are working through the Compliance Attestation Examination "audit" at this time.

We will be meeting via audio conference regarding the audit for 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 on May 14th. We expect our Exit Interview to be held the week of June 16th.

### **SITE SUPPORT**

Check out procedures for shutting down the school networks for the summer have been refined and sent to sites.

The Outstanding Technology Integration Award recipient for March was Corey Evans, Togiak. We did not receive any nominations for April.

### **ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY GRANT (E2T2):**

This meeting focused on:

Strand I-Standards in Practice by reviewing the National Education Standards for Students (NETS\*S);

Strand II-Assessment by reviewing and piloting WIN for WorkKeys;

Strand III-Technology Integration by utilizing at least one of the purchased pieces of equipment within the classroom with students.

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

The final monthly meetings are to take place just before our staff goes off contract.

### **STUDENT RECORDS/ POWERSCHOOL SUPPORT**

The End of Year NCLB/OASIS Report which is not due until July 15th is in process and near completion at this time.

We have to wait until the last day of school to accurately calculate the attendance and membership values for each student.

The Migrant to the new version of PowerSchool is scheduled for Monday, May 19. Once it is completed, we will process the final NCLB Summer OASIS report as well as prepare for the next school year by completing the End of Year "Roll Over" process.

### **AASB CONSORTIUM FOR DIGITAL LEARNING (I TO I)**

The students who are participating in the CDL project have completed the AASB School Climate and Connectedness Survey (SCCS).

### **MEDIA CENTER**

Shannon Clouse, Media Specialist, has returned from Maternity Leave so things are getting processed again. Books and materials are being returned from the sites. RIF activities have been held at a number of the sites.



## FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS

**Dennis Simmons, Federal/State Programs Director**

### TITLE V, PART A, INNOVATION PROGRAMS

The state department of education has approved Our Annual Evaluation Report for Title V-A, Innovative Programs.

### BOARDING HOME REPORT

The Boarding Home Budget Report for the fourth quarter reporting period (April 1 through June 30, 2008) has been submitted early because the school term has completed, and the boarding home students are home.

### INDIAN EDUCATION

The Office of Indian Education has approved our Indian Education Formula Grant Program for the 2008-09 School Year.

### NCLB CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

The new NCLB application has been completed, and a draft is included in the board packet for your review. The application must be sent to the state by June 30.



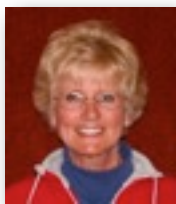
## SPECIAL EDUCATION

**Ruth Umlauf, Special Education Coordinator**

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- State Special Education Reports completed
- Oasis information completed
- Coordinating with specialists for site visits.
- Travel to Togiak, New Stuyahok, Manokotak
- Completed special education teacher checkout.





## BUSINESS OFFICE

### Diane Simmons, Business Manager

#### SPRING ORDERS

Spring orders that were submitted to vendors are continuing to arrive at the sites and the secretaries are letting us know so we can pay the invoices. Cindy in Purchasing is following up with the vendor on any missing items.

#### FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

The first phase for implementing the new financial software will begin on May 19 with the arrival of a software specialist to help set up the system, including accounting codes. On June 16, the second phase will take place with adding financial so the new system will be used for financial as of July 1, 2008. Payroll will also start on July 1 on the new system, but we will run a parallel payroll on the old system to be sure that all data is correct. 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, were here from April 28 through May 2 completing the interim audit. All records were complete and compliance questions were answered and necessary data provided. The date of the final audit will be the week of August 25.

#### FY09 BUDGET

We have not heard anything regarding a grant for FY08 adding \$100 per student based upon October count to assist school districts to meet rising energy costs.



*and thoughts turn to summer...*