Hoonah City Schools

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August 10, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: HCSD School Board
From: Norma Holmgaard, Superintendent
Re: August 2021 Report to the Board

Student Teacher

Cassie Earls will be doing her student teaching here this year. She will work with Mr. Browning and Mr. Metling at the elementary level.

New State Assessment

Alaska will no longer be using the PEAKS assessment. Beginning in the spring, Alaska will us the NWEA assessment. HCSD already uses the NWEA Map assessments and the State assessment will follow the same protocol. This will decrease student testing for the district.

New Teacher InService

New teachers will be meeting on August 31 and September 1 for orientation. School Board members are invited to have lunch with the new teachers on September 1 from 12:30 until 1:30.

Fall Boardsmanship Academy

The AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy is scheduled for September 17-19 in Anchorage. The flyer for this academy is attached and the URL is: https://web.cvent.com/event/91813941-4941-4246-8076-a5215721f183/summary
If you have never attended an Academy, please consider this one. The date for the September meeting would need to be changed to one day earlier.

Financial Software System Replacement

The current financial software is archaic and the company no longer supports it. During the course of this year, we will be investigating the purchase of a new system. It is planned to enlist the services of an experienced Finance Expert to lead this process for us. We expect to have a plan to you by the October meeting.

Lunch At 12:30 (September 1) with New Teachers

You are invited to have lunch with the new teachers on Wednesday, August 1, 2021 at 12:30. This will be a great opportunity to meet the new staff in a small group before the later open house.

Legislative Update

No changes from the legislative decisions from the spring. An August special session should firm up some budgetary things. At this time the Alaska Performance Scholarship is not funded nor are several other programs.

Teacher Housing Issue

Recently we interviewed a science teacher who was familiar with Hoonah and very interested in teaching here. She declined the position, however, because of the lack of affordable housing. As we progress through this year let's brainstorm how we might help with this issue. The new HIA apartments are 2-bedroom units, unfurnished, and rent for 1400.00/month not including utilities. This does not qualify as "affordable." New teachers who are paying college loans, moving, putting down deposits, making car payments cannot afford this on a starting teacher salary when they also have to buy furniture.

Counselor Services

There have been no applications for the counselor position. A job posting for a contracted counselor was advertised on Tuesday, August 10. One applicant has inquired about the position. This would involve 3 weeks of support each quarter or twelve weeks yearly. Mr. Snow and I will interview as soon as possible.

Superintendent Schedule

- July 7, 2021 – July 19, 2021
- (July 25-26, 2021 - Superintendents' Meeting in Juneau)
- August 8, 2021 – August 21, 2021
- August 30, 2021 – September 17, 2021
- (September 19 – October 3, 2021 *out-of-state/personal*)
- October 10, 2021 – October 23, 2021
- November 7, 2021 – November 20, 2021
- December 5, 2021 – December 18, 2021
- January 9, 2022 – January 22, 2022
- February 6, 2022 – February 19, 2022
- March l, 2022 – March 19, 2022
- April 10, 2022 – April 23, 2022
- May 8, 2022 – May 21, 2022
- June 5, 2022 – June 18, 2022

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AASB's Fall Boardsmanship Academy - In Person!

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Coming up next month - get registered today!

Join us for AASB's Fall Boardsmanship Academy!

September 18-19, 2021

With a Bonus Pre-Academy Day on Friday, September 17th

Hosted this year at the Lakefront Anchorage

Register Now

We look forward to hosting our first in-person event since February 2020. AASB staff members are planning a conference that will include networking opportunities and sessions to sharpen your boardsmanship skills and cover topics on your mind right now.

September 17th Pre-Academy Day is focused on School Board & Superintendent Relations with John Sedor & Timi Tulls.

Registration Information
$400 per person
$99 per person for the Bonus Academy Day

AASB has reserved room blocks at the Lakefront Anchorage for a discounted rate of $145. Rooms at this rate are limited, so book early! **Click Here** to book your hotel.

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