Enrollment: Current enrollment is 1,257. Our final count was 1,256 - our budget was based on 1,253. This is still preliminary until our official count is verified.

Since the last School Board meeting:

- Congratulations to the Music students who went to Honors Fest and State!
- Congratulations to Charlie Skultka Jr. for earning the Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Alaska Native Arts and Languages in the 2018 Governor’s Awards for the Arts and Humanities!
- Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who helped to make our 2nd grade Potlatch another amazing success!
- About 50 people attended our recent conversation with the Native community around co-creating our schools, which was part of our Culturally Responsive Embedded Social Emotional Learning initiative. The conversations and training for our facilitators have been offered by First Alaskans Institute. These conversations are an important part of shareholder input, and we are using the information to guide our planning in many different areas.
- Along with the School Board members and students from SHS and PHS, I attended the Association of Alaska School Boards Annual Conference in Anchorage in November. During the conference Lon Garrison and I presented on the budget process where I got to share about our new budget process. In addition to the interaction with our School Board Members and students at the event, I especially appreciated the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker Zaretta Hammond, author of *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students*. The conference is also an excellent opportunity to network with other superintendents and school board members from around the state.

Current Happenings:

- Student Winter Music Concert season is happening now with concerts starting tomorrow night. It has been fun to watch the students as they practice in preparation for the concerts, and I look forward to hearing the performances.
- Thanks to the work of many in the community, there is now a scholarship program to support student participation in our co-curricular activities!
- Staff from the Cook Inlet Tribal Council’s Fab Lab will be coming to Sitka this month to see all that we are doing in the area of maker learning. I look forward to collaborating with them, as we evolve our own maker movement.
- A team of staff have been working for a number of months to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new student information system. Our RFP process should begin sometime this week and our plan is to implement a new student information system at the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Things on the Radar:

- I will be traveling to Anchorage on December 7th to present to new superintendents about *The Power of Social Networking*. The Alaska Superintendent’s Association is paying for my airfare for this day trip.
- Business Manager Cassee Olin and I are presenting at the Chamber of Commerce on December 20th regarding *Trends and Factors Influencing K-12 Education Funding*.
- Schools and school offices will be closed for Winter Break Wednesday, December 20th through Tuesday, January 2nd. The district office and departments will also be closed on a number of holidays during the Winter Break.