Enrollment Update: Current enrollment is 1,196.5. Projected enrollment was 1,187 and actual count was 1,197.56.

Since the last School Board meeting:

- Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team for winning Region V!
- Congratulations to the Cheer Squad for winning Region V!
- The Alaska School Activities Association has cancelled all spring co-curricular practices, games, and events.
- Special thank you to Chef Jo, Leslie Young from the Business Office, Trudy from Island Bus, and our AmeriCorps workers who figured out the meal program we are offering to our students and their siblings. This was a huge lift in an incredibly short amount of time. Meals will be available during the time of remote learning. The community of Sitka thanks you all!
- Thank you to our English Language Learner and STEPS grant staff for offering our first ever Celebrate the Philippines event in March. By all accounts it was a huge success with special thanks to the SHS students who recorded the PSA!
- Thank you to our partners at Sitka Tribe of Alaska and to our Cultural Department for your creative and meaningful work with our students. It is exciting to see how our cultural programing has evolved over the years!
- We had to postpone the launch of our Leave Your Print prototype of providing more mental health supports for students. I am hoping that we can still make something happen by the end of the school year if it is at all possible.
- Special kudos to Co-Assistant Superintendents Sarah Ferrency and Phil Burdick for spearheading our initial response to COVID-19, as I was on medical leave for two weeks when we were learning all about the impact of the virus on the US and the Governor’s Health Mandate that turned the week after Spring Break into inservice for teachers.
- It is wonderful to have Cassee back from her maternity leave!

Current Happenings:

- I am sorry to be missing our annual meeting at the ANB Founders Hall.
- The 31st Legislature adjourned last weekend. Funding for public schools remained stable with the Base Student Allocation remaining the same, as well as the one-time supplemental funding of $30 million for the state. They also fully funded the school debt bond reimbursement, so we are back to the percentages we initially had with the State.
- COVID-19 Update:
  - NANA Janitorial has been deep cleaning our schools getting ready for our eventual return to the buildings.
  - Breakfast and Lunch sack meals are available for pickup on Tuesday (3 days of meals) and Friday (4 days of meals) from 8 am -12 pm just outside the entrance to SHS. Meals are free to any youth 19 or younger living in a household with a student who attends one of our schools including REACH homeschool. Delivery is available if needed.
  - The Governor issued 2 Health Mandates that impact public schools in Alaska. The first was to convert a week of student contact days to teacher inservice days so we could figure out how to provide remote learning to our students. The second was to mandate that all learning happen remotely from March 30 – May 1. We do not need to make up the additional days of inservice; however, we do still need to make up the Snow Days from January.
  - The City of Sitka has also made Declarations relating to sheltering in place. As a rule all of our staff are working remotely; however, some essential staff are still working from our buildings, as needed.
  - The State and Federal governments have passed relief acts designed to buffer the economic impact of COVID-19. It is too soon to know how these might impact our operations or families impacted. Our permanent staff are continuing to receive their paychecks; however, our temporary staff and contractors have been impacted.
  - Our main district website has links and information for families regarding our response – www.sitkaschools.org
  - It is too soon to say what graduation will or won’t look like in May. We will make decisions once we know more.
  - The statewide student academic assessments in English Language Arts, Math, and Science have been cancelled.
- Remote Learning Update:
  - Families, please know that we know that learning at home is a big shift. We are here to partner with you and support you in the process. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns, and please don’t stress if your new routine is taking a little bit of time to get established. We miss our students!
  - Huge appreciation to our staff for the way they re-tooled learning in the short span of a week! On day 1 of mandated remote learning we were ready to go and offered creative and meaningful connections and learning opportunities our students. I can’t wait to see how things evolve over the span of the month of April!

Things on the Radar: Friday, April 24th and Friday, May 22nd are now school days to make up for our two January Snow Days.
## Remote Learning Plan for the Sitka School District

**Updated: March 30, 2020**

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| **Wooch.een Preschool** | • Staff will support families by phone and email outreach initially  
• Staff are creating videos to share with families  
• Collaborating with Head Start and Sitka Tribe of Alaska to develop online resources and connection platforms specific to early childhood |
| **Elementary Schools (Baranof and Keet Gooshi Heen)** | • Teachers will use Microsoft Teams to communicate learning activities  
• Zoom will be used to offer whole class sessions including Second Step Social Emotional Learning lessons  
• Teachers created daily schedules for families to use as a guide that includes academics, movement, arts, and safe social connections  
• Teachers will have posted Office Hours  
• Specials will be embedded into the learning activities identified in Teams  
• MobyMax will be used to support student learning |
| **Blatchley Middle School** | • Teachers will use Schoology to communicate learning activities with a focus on targeting 1 lesson per day per class  
• Teachers will offer Zoom learning sessions  
• PACK meetings will continue through Zoom and will focus on Second Step Social Emotional Learning lessons  
• Teachers will have posted Zoom Office Hours  
• Expect initial learning activities to be focused on building collaboration and exploring the fun side of the new remote learning tools |
| **Sitka High School** | • Asynchronous learning for the most part shared through Teams  
• Zoom synchronous connections when needed  
• Focusing on academics and integrating electives as meaningful  
• Counselors will maintain contact with students they support via phone  
• Homeroom teachers will continue to maintain connection with students  
• Check out SHS Facebook page to see a video about how to connect to Microsoft Office and Teams  
• Note: All co-curricular activities cancelled for the rest of the school year |
| **Pacific High School** | • PowerSchool will be used to share learning activities  
• Teachers will have posted Office Hours  
• Focus on Social Emotional Learning through Literacy (e.g., Story time with Maggie)  
• Partnering with YAS and Sitka Counseling to provide mental health supports for students in need  
• AmeriCorps members providing Circle Leaders Class via Zoom  
• Peer Support Groups 1-2 times per week via Zoom |
| **Cultural Program** | • In partnership with Sitka Tribe of Alaska, *Strengthening Youth and Families Through Culture* will be offered to interested K-12 students on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 pm in Zoom  
• Activities will include movement, such as Tlingit Aerobics, song, art shares, and Tlingit Legends |