

Superintendent's Report

To: Unalaska City School District Board of Education

From: Darrell J. Sanborn, Superintendent

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Tomorrow we are scheduled to receive the results of the tests our students took in last month. It is my understanding that these will be sent out, electronically, with only raw scores. The cut scores are yet to be determined, and will be set at the August meeting of the State School Board. The only information we will be able to give parents and students at this time would be a class ranking, which may or may not be of any use and validity. The Exit Exam results have been received for all students and I am hopeful that all students shared these results with their parents. These results along with a guide for parents that was received yesterday, were mailed out today. I am taking the results of this spring's exit exam with a bit of questioning. Our math percentage scores were up about 20%, yet our reading percentage scores were down about 15%! Let us remember that each child is worth about four or five percentage points.

This evening, I am looking forward to discussing the possibility of Summer School. Due to some unforeseen stuffs with our health insurance charges, we may be able to afford summer school for this year. In saying so, we will need the help of parents to make the tough decision for their child to attend summer school. Again, I encourage all parents to take advantage of every remediation opportunity.

Things in Juneau continue to be at a stalemate. I am hopeful we will see some closure early next week. I am very thankful for the tremendous support we receive on a local level and I think our City Council could teach the folks down there a bit on statesman's ship along with what it means to truly place education as their number one priority.

This is the time of year, which many of our students will be looking for employment this summer around the Island. I do hope folks consider hiring our students. From what I have seen of students at their various job sites, they are good employees, and are successful in the world of work. I would ask that employers keep their standards high and remember that if our students are late three times in any given quarter, they attend Saturday School. I doubt that this is the way the "real world" works!! ☺ Train them well as employability skills are as important as other skills.

Another year has gone by much too quickly!! I again appreciate all the hard work of all our faculty and staff, as I would call this year successful and fruitful for our students!!!

I hope all enjoy their summer break!!!