



## Highlights of our schools:

- ❖ Student achievement is above state averages... and we don't teach to the test
- ❖ Commitment to cultural responsiveness and place-based education
- ❖ Robust Career and Technical Education (CTE) program
- ❖ Leaders in social emotional learning and alternative education practices
- ❖ Strong community partnerships that enrich the learning experience for students
- ❖ Technology-rich learning environment to prepare students for success in life
- ❖ Integration of the arts into our schools to provide a well-rounded education
- ❖ Wooch.een Yei Jigaxtoonei (We Are Working Together) Preschool in partnership with Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska



REACH homeschool students work with a local scientist to learn about and study birds that live in our community.



2<sup>nd</sup> grade students design and code a counter to track donations during a student-initiated Holiday Food Drive.



Middle School students practice a duet to be performed. A majority of our middle school students play an instrument.

### Sitka High design class marries tradition and technology in student paddle carving project

Posted by Enrique Pérez de la Rosa, KCAW | Dec 18, 2018



Sitka High School junior Asa Demmert, center, shows off his nearly-finished paddle featuring an eagle alongside Sitka High design instructor Mike Vieira, left, and STA traditional arts instructor, Charlie Skultika Jr., right. (KCAW Photo / Enrique Pérez de la Rosa)

### Pacific High carving class brings serenity to students

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Students from Pacific High School travel to Sitka National Historical Park's visitor center every Friday to learn traditional carving techniques from artist Mark Sibbey. From left to right, senior David Abril, sophomore David Bean and sophomore Eric Alvarado pose with the paddles they have carved. (Photo by Enrique Pérez de la Rosa)



Over 125 families attended Baranof Elementary School's Family Reading Night, and they especially liked Officer Wheeler reading to them.

## 2019-2020 School Board Goals

The Sitka School District will:

- ❖ Close the achievement gap for each demographic
- ❖ Improve the positive response rates on the School Climate and Connectedness Survey in the areas of respectful climate, school safety, student involvement, parent involvement, and peer relationships

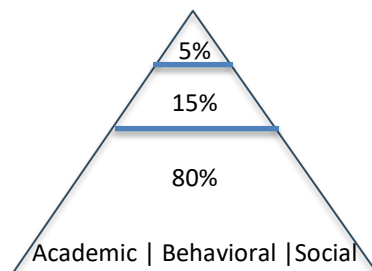
**Our Vision:** Educating our children to realize their potential and contribute in a connected global society.



Watch our Fund the Future videos at <https://www.sitkaschools.org/ftf>

### Multi-Tiered System of Support for Student Behavior and Well-Being

We are in year 2 of a 3-year process to implement a district-wide school-specific tiered system to support students who are struggling to progress with academic and/or social emotional skills. By systemically addressing the whole child we will achieve equity and close the achievement gap.



# Sitka School District

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Our Mission: Discover Potential – Nurture Growth – Inspire Lifeline Curiosity



The Sitka School District is a proud member of the League of Innovative Schools, a national network of forward-thinking school districts. There are 114 school districts nationwide in the League and only 2 districts in Alaska.

### CTE @ SITKA HIGH SCHOOL



#### 100% GRADUATION

CTE concentrators<sup>‡</sup> are 28% more likely to graduate than their non-CTE counterparts.

<sup>‡</sup> Students with  $\geq 2.0$  HS CTE credits



#### 23%

Of Sitka graduates are CTE concentrators



#### 59%

Of students took at least one CTE class in high school

#### 68%

Of CTE concentrators go on to postsecondary, adv. training, the military, or employment.

Pacific High School, our alternative high school, serves a student population where 59% are on free or reduced lunch\* and 28% are homeless. Over the past 27 years, 175 students have graduated from Pacific High School! \*District average is 36%

