

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 11, 2023

NUMBER: VII.

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

ATTENDANCE:

The district's attendance rate for the first week of school from 8/9/22 to 4/3/23 is 78.89%. Deering is our high at 85.44%, followed by Buckland and JNES.

ENROLLMENT: Current enrollment as of April 3, 2023

K-12's current enrollment is 1886, a decrease by one student since last reported.

PreK – 12 enrollment is 1972, a decrease of two students over last month.

Superintendent's Legislative Fly-in February 25-28, 2023, We heard from legislators and legislative staff, issues, challenges, programs, and bills were discussed and an updated provided. Met with legislators that we did not get the chance to visit with during the AASB fly-in.

Kivalina Site Visit March 15, 2023, Met with City, IRA, and ASC combined to discuss how things were currently going with the school. We also discussed the upcoming Grand Opening. Kivalina Grand Opening has been postponed to a later date in the fall. We are looking at some time in September. Some reasons are, that we do not know if the road will be open due to the number of storms we've been receiving, Bering may not be able to bring everyone over and back in one day, and with the legislative session still going on, many people will not be able to attend. We need to plan for a time in September that will work for everyone.

NWALT Juneau Lobbying March 1-2. Priorities are as follows.

- Maniilaq - Maniilaq Crisis Center
- NWABSD - Alaska Technical Center Family Housing
- NWAB - Cape Blossom Port
- NANA - Protect and Advance Alaska's Unique Indigenous Model of Self-Determination that includes Alaska Native Corporations and Tribes

We visited with offices of legislators. We also visited with the Governors office and some Commissioners were available. We talked about the priorities of the region and some challenges.

National Institute of Excellence in Teaching Conference March 22-23, 2023

Panel discussion on Elevating Educators, Investing in the Profession: The Role of State and District Leaders. The discussion was ways to dealing with the teacher shortage with things like, extra pay, rewards, incentives, elevation of teacher voice, communication, support systems in place, growing within, and ways to build a positive school culture that makes staff want to stay. Another panel on Investing in Teacher Leaders to Support the Implementation of HQIM (High Quality Instructional Material) to increase student outcomes and instructional excellence. Key practices for supporting teacher leaders.

The Power of Mission and Vision in Establishing Shared Leadership and Trusting Relationships that enable our leadership team to lead school improvement efforts successfully.

Partnering to impact Educator Effectiveness to build educator excellence to give all students the opportunity for success.

Terri Walker,
Superintendent