MEMORANDUM

TO:	NWABSD Board of Education	**DATE:**	November 24, 2026
		NUMBER:	**27-035**
FR:	Office of the Superintendent	**SUBJECT:**	Approval of Superintendent Travel

ABSTRACT:

Superintendent's out-of-district travel requires Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. National Johnson-O'Malley Association (NJOMA) Conference

- **Dates:** December 7–9, 2027
- **Location:** Scottsdale, Arizona

The NJOMA is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to supporting American Indian students through advocacy, collaboration, educational excellence, and partnerships with tribal, state, and federal agencies. The Association also advocates for Johnson-O'Malley Programs and the educational rights of American Indian children from preschool through twelfth grade.

2. Alaska MTSS Effective Instruction Conference

- **Dates:** January 22–24, 2027
- **Location:** Dena'ina Center, Anchorage, Alaska
- **Theme:** "MTSS: The Heart of Student Support"

The conference brings together Alaska educators to strengthen Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) through practical strategies, collaboration, and professional learning focused on student success. Featured keynote speakers include Dr. Gholdy Muhammad, Dr. Amanda VanDerHeyden, and Dr. Anita Archer.

3. Annual Principals Conference and Professional Development

- **Date:** January 25, 2027
- **Location:** Anchorage, Alaska

The District will hold its annual Principals Conference and Professional Development following the Alaska MTSS Conference. Scheduling both events during the same trip maximizes existing travel arrangements, reduces additional travel and lodging expenses, and provides dedicated time for principals to collaborate, participate in professional development, and discuss district priorities.

4. Personal Travel

- **Dates:** February 1–13, 2027
- **Funding:** Not District-funded; personal expense.

5. AASB Legislative Fly-In

- **Dates:** February 20–22, 2027
- **Location:** Juneau, Alaska

6. ACSA Legislative Fly-In

- **Dates:** March 20–23, 2027
- **Location:** Juneau, Alaska

The legislative fly-ins provide opportunities for district representatives to meet with legislators, discuss education-related priorities, advocate for public education, and address issues impacting Alaska's schools and students.

FUNDING SOURCE:

General Funds: budgeted for FY27; Grants

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

2. Do not approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.