MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: November 24, 2026

NUMBER:

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

Attendance

8/13/26		9/24/26	11/17/26
	Ambler	88.90%	84.44
	Buckland	87.00%	87.63
	Deering	88.76%	89.97
	Kiana	82.22%	81.97
	Kisimgiugtuq	81.31%	77.31
	Kobuk	95.80%	92.93
	June Nelson Elementary	89.61%	87.92
	Kotzebue Middle/High School	82.21%	82.63
	Napaaqtugmiut	81.28%	80.43
	Aqqaluk High/Noorvik Elementary	87.27%	85.25
	Davis-Ramoth	77.50%	76.24
	Shungnak	79.87%	75.79
	District	85.30%	83.64

Kobuk continues to maintain above a 90% attendance rate.
Attendance continues to be a challenge. We've allocated funds to each site for attendance incentives.

Enrollment

As of November 9, 2026. Pre-K–12 enrollment is currently 1788 students, a decrease of 27 students, with K–12 enrollment at 1697 students. Below, the graph shows the changes in enrollment by site.

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School	FY26	FY27	PK-6 Change	7-12 Change	Enrollment Change
Ambler	58.3	60.03	-4.32	6.05	1.73
Aqqaluk High/Noorvik Elementary	197.45	190.15	-3	-4.3	-7.3
Buckland	205.15	188.18	-11.92	-5.05	-16.97
Davis-Ramoth	222.3	220.75	7.65	-9.2	-1.55
Deering	47.2	54.3	-0.8	7.9	7.1
June Nelson Elementary	292.26	289.8	-2.46		-2.46
Kiana	87.7	83.45	4.65	-8.9	-4.25
Kisimgiugtuq	124.95	119.95	-6.7	1.7	-5
Kobuk	38.9	38.5	-0.5	0.1	-0.4
Kotzebue Middle/High	240.15	222.4		-17.75	-17.75
Napaaqtugmiut	146.6	137.6	-6.35	-2.65	-9
NWABSD Home School	32.75	37	-0.5	4.75	4.25
Shungnak	65.75	45.2	-6.45	-14.3	-20.55
District-wide	**1759.46**	**1687.31**	-30.7	-41.65	-72.15

Success Story

The district supported Kivalina resident, Ashlee, through training to get her Bus driving license and we received the following appreciation from the Kisimġiugtuq principal at the school.

The bus route is happening!
Thank you for all of your support in getting Ashlee through training and ready to take on this new role. She is excited about the opportunity, and I am equally excited to have her on board as our bus driver and BPO.
Ashlee is a hard worker, and I expect great things from her in both positions.
None of this would have been possible without your help and support. I truly appreciate everyone's efforts in making this happen.

NMS Support for Attendance

NMS has reached out to me about a program that could include a monthly drawing for students with perfect or near-perfect attendance, with a prize for the monthly winner. Each qualifying student's name could also be entered into a year-end drawing for a larger prize, such as a four-wheeler or snowgo. We are working together to make a plan to begin second semester.

Quyaanna,

Terri Walker, Superintendent

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.