



Nome Public Schools
Superintendent Report
Jamie Burgess
December 9, 2025

Board/Leadership Areas of Focus for FY2026:

Family/Community Engagement

We are looking forward to various holiday events for the upcoming weeks.

Michelle Carton will be working with the District Office to submit a grant request to AASB's Alaska Family Engagement Center to provide funding for various family events for NES for spring semester.

Culturally Relevant Curriculum

No update.

Value and Grow Staff

The District is holding its annual Holiday Bash on December 17th to provide food, entertainment and some prizes donated by local merchants/organizations for staff prior to the start of winter break. NMS has generously donated the catering.

Tribal Consultation

The MOA template is still under construction, but will be ready to be presented to the Board and tribal entities in early January. A tribal consultation with Nome Eskimo Community is scheduled for December 11th. A consultation with the three remaining tribes will be scheduled for early January. The district budget calendar has been updated to add February for the month to present the district's budget during consultation to the four tribal organizations for their comments and feedback.

Financial Update

December is the month for districts to complete reconciliation for the Fall Count period – I am working with districts where there is not yet agreement on enrollment for students who moved to/from Nome before or during the count period – this will be submitted to DEED by December 12th.

The Alaska Superintendent Association has encouraged superintendents to contact legislators for a possible override vote on SB 113 when the legislature returns. This legislation was vetoed by the Governor and would collect state sales tax on online vendor sales in Alaska; a provision within SB 113 would trigger a clause in HB 57 to fund reading proficiency grants and additional CTE funding. I plan to prepare a letter to submit to Representative Foster and Senator Olson stating support for an override of SB 113.

I will be working with Ms. Hollins the last week of December to prepare a preliminary first draft for the FY27 budget. Principals and directors will be asked to do a deep dive into their current site budgets to prepare for a “zero-based budgeting approach” where they will need to analyze expenditures with a critical eye.



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City Council Members have requested a property walkthrough with an eye to an understanding of the condition of the current facilities. This will be scheduled in January, with Board members being invited as well.

NBMHS Roof Replacement Project Update

A report from John Mortenson will be included in the January Board report. The contractor, design team and district team will be meeting on December 10th to develop a plan for completion of the project in late spring of 2026.

NOTES ON ENROLLMENT NUMBERS BELOW – 3 drop-outs are pursuing GEDs, 2 are elementary aged children where we are waiting on a Records Request (will update code upon receipt).

FY25 Enrollment for Same Month = 664

ENROLLMENT REPORT - 12/9/25

Students Enrolled End of FY25	650
Students Graduated FY25	42
New Kinders Fall 2025	52
New to District	18
Returning Students	40
Total Students Withdrawn	48

WITHDRAWAL REPORT	
Enrolled at Mt. Edgecumbe High School	3
Moved Out of State	6
Moved within State	25
Dropped Out	14
Early Graduates	0
TOTAL WITHDRAWN	48

CURRENT DISTRICT ENROLLMENT 12/9/25	
Nome Elementary School	295
Nome-Beltz Middle/High School	272
Anvil City Science Academy	60



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Extensions Correspondence Program	36
Pre-K for SPED Svcs. Only	5
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	668

