

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 27, 2024

NUMBER: 25-017

FROM: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Approval of Funding**
Selawik and Noorvik Fire
Alarm Replacement

ABSTRACT

Award of funding from the Borough for replacement of Davis-Ramoth and Noorvik fire alarm systems requires Board Approval.

ISSUE

At issue is approval of acceptance of anticipated funding for the replacement of the fire alarm system and any associated work as required by the State Fire Marshal at Davis-Ramoth and Noorvik Schools and delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent for this work.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

At the January meeting Board Memorandum 24-085 approved emergency procurement procedures for the replacement of the failed Selawik fire alarm system and delegation of contracting authority to the Superintendent. It was intended funding would be from the Northwest Arctic Borough. Since that time, Noorvik has been added to the project due to ongoing issues with that system.

The District has been working with the Borough to secure project funding for several months. In their upcoming August 27-28, 2024 meeting, the Assembly will vote on approval of an award of \$860,000 to replace the fire alarm systems in both Selawik and Noorvik. This amount is the project budget to cover construction, design, project management and contingency for both schools. The Borough's funding for the Selawik portion, will count toward the required match for the Davis-Ramoth Renovation project which was awarded FY25 funding through Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). The Noorvik portion of the Borough funding could be used as match if the Districtwide Fire System project is awarded DEED funding in the future. District Administration needs board approval to accept the funding from the Borough and to allocate it as appropriate to accomplish the upgrade of the fire alarms.

Because of the emergency nature of this work, the project was designed and a bid solicited. The award of contract is addressed in a separate board memo. With approval of the contract award Selawik's work would occur in December of this year. Noorvik's work would begin in early January and be completed by the end of that month.

The Administration is most appreciative of the Borough's assistance with this critical work.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the acceptance of the award of funding from the Northwest Arctic Borough for replacement of Selawik and Noorvik fire alarm systems and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to establish the project budgets, as presented.
2. Do not approve the acceptance of the award of funding from the Northwest Arctic Borough for replacement of Selawik and Noorvik fire alarm systems and delegation of authority to the

Superintendent to establish the project budget, as presented.

3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board approve the acceptance of the award of funding from the NW Arctic Borough for replacement of Selawik and Noorvik fire alarm systems and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to establish the project budgets as presented.