

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**NUMBER:** 26-025

**FROM:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance of FY26  
DEED Grant for Deering  
K-12 School Replacement  
– Gravel Harvesting and  
Stockpiling

### **ABSTRACT**

Acceptance of the award of FY26 funding from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for Deering K-12 School Replacement by the School Board is required.

### **ISSUE**

At issue is acceptance of funding and commitment of match for the site design and stockpiling of gravel for the Deering Replacement School and delegation of authority to the Superintendent for this work.

### **BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION**

In Summer 2024, District submitted an FY26 application for funding to the state for the school replacement project. While not included in the state fiscal budget, the state had a small amount of money they are providing for gravel harvesting and stockpiling on the future school site. Grant total is \$1,666,667, local match not to exceed \$333,333 for a total project of \$2M. The school replacement project is approximately \$60M, so this is a small, but important, first step. A budget that matches the grant agreement is attached.

The project Scope of Work is primarily focused on necessary site design and permitting work in preparation for gravel stockpiling in Summer '26 or '27. \$190,000 in design work was approved in April '25 under memo 25-125 utilizing general funding. \$143,333 in additional general funds is needed to meet the local match requirements.

Pre-design work includes Cultural Resources impact evaluation, permitting, and surveying. Project needs to secure site control with NANA which requires various surveys, NANA Committee meetings, and Non-Objection letters from the Village and City of Deering, etc. Permits from both the Corp of Engineers and the Borough are needed. In addition, DEED does not pay for work off the school site such as utility extensions. Therefore, we need to do pre-design for these extensions in order to pursue other grants to fund this future work. Project will end with a stockpile of all needed gravel on the new school site. Future grants are needed to build out the gravel pad, utility extensions and the school itself.

Grant funding impetus is SOA DOT's project to build a new airport, or emergency evacuation road. DOT is bidding their project in August, with their contractor expected to mobilize in spring 2026. DEED has anticipated the District to directly negotiate with the DOT contractor to procure the quantity of gravel needed and have it hauled and stockpiled on site. There was not enough funding to build out the gravel pad.

To move forward, the Superintendent requires Board approval to accept the grant award, the

additional match funding, and the delegation of authority to manage the project budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Accept the state grant funding of \$1,666,667 and an additional local match not to exceed \$143,333 for Deering K-12 School Replacement and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project budgets, as presented.
2. Do not accept the state grant funding of \$1,666,667 and an additional local match not to exceed \$143,333 for Deering K-12 School Replacement and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project budgets, as presented.
3. Take no final action.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION**

The administration recommends the Board accept the state FY26 grant funding of \$1,666,667 and an additional local match not to exceed \$143,333 for Deering K-12 School Replacement, and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project budgets, as presented.

### **ATTACHMENT**

Deering K-12 School Replacement- Gravel Budget

**Date Stamp:** August 12, 2025

**Deering K-12 School Replacement - Gravel Budget**

Admin (District)	\$0.00	
Site Investigation	\$0.00	
Design	\$190,000.00	Memo 25-125 April 2025
CM-In-house	\$0.00	
Construction	\$1,685,000.00	
FFE	\$0.00	
Technology	\$0.00	
Art	\$0.00	
Contingency	\$100,000.00	
Construction Mng Consult	\$25,000.00	
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	\$2,000,000.00	
School Construction Grant	\$1,666,667.00	FY26 DEED grant 26-006, Memo 26-025
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$333,333.00	Local share - Memo 26-025
Other Sources		
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	\$2,000,000.00	

Note: District does not have exact budget from DEED at this time, but we anticipate the budget to generally reflect the above preliminary budget.