

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

DATE: September 20, 2023

NUMBER:

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

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### ATTENDANCE:

After four weeks of school, our district attendance is currently at 86%. We are looking into an attendance monitoring plug-in that works with powerschool so we can see and view reasons why students are absent and then come up with strategies to increase attendance.

Goals to increase attendance:

- *Virtual Learning: Overcoming Data Challenges to Address Chronic Absenteeism.*  
Three sessions completed by staff.
- Create a committee: to be completed by October 31  
Made up of multiple stakeholders to include parents, ASC, and staff.  
Develop goals and objectives.

ENROLLMENT: Current enrollment has increased the beginning of this school year.

K-12's current enrollment is 1892 an increase of 66 students.

PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment is 2006.

School began at the Kisimgiugtuq School in Kivalina on Tuesday September 12, 2023. To make up the days missed, they will add 30 minutes to each day until the days are made up.

Safety and Wellness Summit sponsored by the Department of Education. September 13-15

- Keynote: Brian Mendler, severely ADHD with reading difficulties himself, Brian talked about his experiences with being defiant, disruptive and relatively unmotivated. He was the one that drove the teachers crazy until one teacher changed his life. In this session, Bryan shared what we can do to help students like him be successful. Some key concepts/take aways are Listen...without expectations, Catch it and set it down, use questions instead of statements, stay personally connected without taking it personal, feeling sad for instead of mad at, and more...
- Using Assessment Data to Amplify School Improvement Plans, Staff from DEED talked about using assessment to put supports in place where they're needed most.
- A student panel talked about the challenges they face. Key takeaway was social/emotional wellness.
- Emergency Response Operation Plans walked us through developing an emergency response plan for before, during and after.

AASB Fall Boardsmanship Academy September 16-17

- Topics included a focus on student outcomes, Reads Act, Advocacy, School Boards roles and responsibilities, current educational bills, Roles of the Advisory Board, and the Board self-assessment.

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Superintendent