

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** April 16, 2025

**NUMBER:** 25-125

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Approval of  
Design Funding Deering  
Replacement School

### **ABSTRACT:**

Board approval is required to expend \$50,000.00 and higher.

### **ISSUE:**

At issue is board approval of additional funding for the contract with Burkhart Croft Architects for Pre-Design, Off-Site Utility and Gravel Stockpiling design for the Deering Replacement School in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

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

Deering K-12 Replacement School is ranked #3 on DEED's FY26 School Construction list. The project total is \$56,872,139 with \$11,374,428 as local share. This project is not included in the Governor's budget, and it is not expected to be fully funded in FY 26. However, District has lobbied for sitework funding of \$10M.

There are two significant infrastructure projects in addition to the school project that are pending for Deering. Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) will bid their new evacuation road this summer. Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is in the design phase, and seeking funding, for replacement and extension of the water and sewer systems. Both projects impact the school project both physically and in construction timing.

In order to be ready for school construction once funding is received, and to coordinate with these two projects, there are several Pre-Design efforts that need to begin. These include 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. \$100,000 is needed for Pre-Design.

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. \$35,000 is needed for preliminary off-site utility design.

DOT's road project will bid this summer. If the replacement school project is at least partially funded either this summer or next, we would be able to at least stockpile gravel on our site while DOT's contractor is still in the community, thus saving significant costs. Site control and permits, secured through Pre-Design efforts above, are required for us to stockpile gravel. Documentation of how much gravel and the type of gravel needed, where to put it, etc. is required to be able to procure gravel stockpiling. This design work can be completed now, so that we are ready to execute this work once construction funding is secured. Gravel Stockpile design needs \$55,000 in funding.

Minimum requested funding is \$135,000 for Pre-Design and Off-site utility work. Administration recommends including the gravel stockpiling design as to not delay time sensitive work once there is construction funding. Total requested funding is therefore \$190,000.

The district will continue to utilize the Burkhart Croft Architects and their engineers as the design team of record for the project. BCA was selected for this work under a competitive term contract procurement.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the allocation of \$190,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.
2. Disapprove the allocation of \$190,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.
3. Take no final action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the allocation of \$190,000 to the Deering Replacement School Project and the delegation of authority to the Superintendent to contract with Burkhart Croft Architects, as presented.