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Mr. Glenn Steckman, City Manager
City of Nome
102 Division Street
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RE: District Capital Requests for FY22

Dear Mr. Steckman:

Nome Public Schools hereby requests that the City of Nome consider the following capital project priorities for the 2021-2022 school year. The Alaska Legislature has failed to provide any capital funding for school major maintenance projects for the past several years, and the outlook for funding for the coming school year remains poor.

Priority #1: Beltz Campus Generator and Electrical Service Replacement \$1,600,000

The Beltz Campus (Nome-Beltz High School, the Beltz Apartments, District Office/Anvil City Science Academy/District Dorm, and NPS Shop Complex) has a back-up emergency generator which is undersized for the complex, and is insufficient to allow the high school to act as an emergency shelter for the community in the case of major disasters. The generator is also housed in a portion of the maintenance shop with inadequate ventilation, resulting in evacuation of all maintenance staff every time the generator is active. The project will also include the cost of transformers and power lines for the project. Attached to this request is a portion of the Capital Improvement Project application submitted to the State of Alaska, including a cost estimate for the project.

Priority #2: DDC Control System Replacement \$2,200,000

The district's DDC control system's computers experienced a catastrophic event and had to be wiped clean. Some functionality was recently restored, but the programs are obsolete and running on an outdated operating system that is no longer supported. HVAC and air handling adjustments are currently done primarily manually, resulting in inefficient use of manpower and higher energy costs. The project will purchase and install the most current versions of the programs, add the district office building to the network, and include needed parts and actuators to upgrade the system. Attached to this request is a portion of the Capital Improvement Project application submitted to the State of Alaska, including a cost estimate for the project.

On behalf of the children and staff of Nome Public Schools, I appreciate the City's consideration of these requests for the 2021-2022 school year. If any further information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Jamie Burgess
Superintendent
Nome Public Schools