

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 26, 2025

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to the new school year. We are starting this year with optimism and a focus on ensuring every student receives the support and opportunities they need to thrive. I also want to recognize and thank our staff for their hard work over the summer in preparing for this new school year. We are ready to welcome students!

Goals and Priorities

Aligned with the board's mission, vision, and strategic plan, in-service training for staff focused on student learning. The best opportunities are to build relationships, maintain structure in the school day, and incorporate the local culture into as many lessons as possible. I am excited to move forward with the staff we have in place to provide all students with the opportunity to learn, and I am optimistic that this will be a great school year!

Attendance

Staff are dedicated to improving attendance, and we emphasized the importance of consistent attendance as a model for students.

Enrollment

U.S. Department of Education Delays FY25 Federal Grant Funds

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) has released funding for the following programs.

- Title I-C (Migrant Education)
- Title II-A (Supporting Effective Instruction)
- Title III-A (Language Instruction for English Learners)
- Title IV-A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment)
- Title IV-B (21st Century Community Learning Centers)

We are pleased to announce that all programs supported by these funds will move forward.

Iñupiaq Program

We are still looking for a director for the Iñupiaq program. In the meantime, Curriculum Director Debbe Lancaster and I have been working closely with Karen McCain to become familiar with grant requirements. The grant supports the development of the Iñupiaq-based science curriculum, strengthens partnerships to expand cultural events and activities, and supports the immersion program by helping our Iñupiaq Ilitsautrit become fluent language speakers.

I want to thank the board for your continued leadership and commitment to our students. Together, we have the opportunity to make this a strong and successful year.

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Terri Walker, Superintendent