

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** April 29, 2025

**NUMBER:** 25-110

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Proposed  
Revisions to BP 7000  
Concepts and Roles; First  
Reading

**STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:**

Track 1: Operational Improvements  
*Initiative: Optimize Business Practices*

**ABSTRACT:**

Board policy revisions require Board approval.

**ISSUE:**

At issue is to approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 7000 Concepts and Roles and open for public comments.

**BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

The Superintendent/designee presents drafts or suggestions for board policy revisions when the law changes or specific needs occur. Policy revisions shall normally be given two readings prior to adoption by the Board.

This is the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 7000 Concepts and Roles within the Construction series.

This update includes the update of the Department of Education name and an additional statute cited.

The Board Policy Committee reviewed the proposed changes, recommends approval and to open for public comments.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 7000 Concepts and Roles as presented and open for public comments;
2. Do not approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 7000 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the first reading of the proposed revisions to BP 7000 Concepts and Roles as presented and open for public comments.

## BP 7000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES

Note: Pursuant to 14.11.020, borough assemblies or city councils and regional school boards may by resolution request responsibility from the State Department of Education and Early Development for the planning, design, and construction of school facilities funded by state grant funds. AS 35.15.080 provides for the assumption of responsibilities for state public works projects subject to AS 35.15.010. Pursuant to 14.14.060 and 14.14.065, borough assemblies and city councils may agree to a division of duties with the school board related to the design, maintenance, and construction of facilities. Assemblies and councils must consider the recommendations of the school board. The following sample language should be revised or deleted to reflect District responsibilities and needs.

Since school construction is costly, and buildings become a permanent part of the community to be used by large numbers of people, the School Board and the ~~district~~District administration must take great care to ensure that the facilities fully support the intended educational and community programs, will be appropriately maintained, may be altered conveniently and inexpensively to meet future educational and community needs, provide a healthful environment, and fit harmoniously and attractively into the community.

*(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)*

### Role of the School Board

The School Board:

1. Recommends to the borough assembly, city council, or Department of Education and Early Development what buildings shall be built, when and where.
2. Approves design criteria for school facilities.
3. Seeks adequate financing for school facilities.
4. Approves the selection of artists for art works in new facilities, if required or desired.
5. Awards contracts to responsible bidders in the best interests of the ~~district~~District.

### Role of the Superintendent or Designee

The Superintendent or designee:

1. Directs the planning of all educational features of new buildings or alterations of old buildings.
2. Maintains overall responsibility for the preparation of the educational specifications and capital improvement plans for school facilities.
3. Acts as authorized agent of the ~~district~~District in all official governmental interactions related to school facilities.
4. Recommends artists for art-work in new facilities.

5. Oversees the preparation of bids, award of contracts and, in collaboration with the architect, the construction.

(cf. 3311 - Bids)

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

*Legal Reference:*

#### ALASKA STATUTES

[14.07.020](#) *Duties of the department*

[14.08.101](#) *Powers (regional school board)*

[14.11.011](#) *Grant applications*

[14.14.060](#) *Relationship between borough school ~~district~~District and borough*

[14.14.065](#) *Relationship between city school ~~district~~District and city*

[35.15.010 - 35.15.120](#) *Construction procedures*

[35.27.020](#) *Art requirements for public buildings and facilities*

#### ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 31.010 - 4 AAC 31.090](#) *School facility planning and construction*

[4 AAC 31.900](#) *Definitions*

*Adopted: May 23, 1995*

*Revised:*

**Northwest Arctic Borough School District**