

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent.

**SUBJECT:** a. Capital Projects Report

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Capital Projects Manager, Kathy Christy reports on the following:

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT (DEED):** The Department of Education published its initial capital project priority lists. The following are the DEED rankings:

School Construction - #3 Deering K-12 Renovation/Addition \$34,544,605  
Major Maintenance - #33 JNES Partial Roof Replacement \$1,751,514  
#47 Davis Ramoth Rehabilitation \$10,312,923

**DEERING K-12 Replacement School:** A community meeting is scheduled April 12 in Deering to plan a new school on a new site for Deering. The student population of Deering has steadily increased each year so this growth increases the justification for a new school as the existing site is so small. A conceptual plan based on earlier community and staff input will be presented so that the community can provide more specific input on what they would like to see in a new school. This information will be used to submit a new application for DEED by September 1.

**SELAWIK** – the Davis Ramoth DEED grant needs to be resubmitted this fall. Community input on the priorities for the Davis Ramoth School will be requested in April. The current application is a major maintenance project and upgrades the building without adding square footage. This project meets DEED square footage requirements but may not address the concerns of the community. The Selawik enrollment has been gradually decreasing.

**JNES Partial Roof Replacement** – The application for the remaining phase of the JNES Roof Replacement will be resubmitted to DEED.

### **AHFC TEACHER HOUSING:**

**Kivalina** –The District has two AHFC teacher housing grants for new duplexes at the new Kivalina site. The District and ASRC SKW have completed the utility connections. The remaining work is installation of solar power which will be completed this summer.

**Selawik** –The Maintenance Department is preparing for summer construction season. The construction materials are in storage in Kotzebue and will be transferred to Selawik for summer construction of the housing units as soon as barge service resumes.

**Buckland** – AHFC has awarded grants to both the duplex partnered with the Borough and the District duplex. The District and Borough are in the process of executing the grant agreements with AHFC. The agreement with Borough is that the District will be responsible for the construction of both buildings and the development will be concurrent this summer. The District has requested a grant completion date of December 31,2024. The Maintenance Department is in the process of ordering materials.

**RENEW AMERICAN SCHOOLS** – The District submitted an application to the Federal Department of Energy for a grant to upgrade the direct digital control (DDC) systems throughout the District. The District was notified that the application was not selected for the next stage of consideration as priority was given to innovative technologies over energy efficiency

## **ATC FAMILY HOUSING**

The design of the project has been completed to 65%. The project is shovel ready. Construction funding is needed. The professional construction cost estimate is \$6,455,000 and the total project cost is \$7.4 million. The District has submitted the project for legislative appropriation through CAPSIS. In addition, the project was submitted for Congressional Discretionary Funding (CDF) through both Senator Murkowski's and Representative Peltola's offices.

**FY-19 BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE GRANT** – The Borough is providing pass-through state funding for two District projects

### **Kivalina Vehicle Garage**

The fuel system has been installed and work on the heating system has been completed. Garage is in use.

### **Buckland HVAC Upgrade**

The District received one bid for the Buckland HVAC work. The bid exceeded the available funding provided through the Borough. With the approval of the Board at the January meeting the District in cooperation with the contractor and the engineer reduced the scope of work to the most critical items that could be accomplished within the available funding. A contract for \$845,136 was issued to Sturgeon Electric to replace the existing electric controls in the building with direct digital controls for the air handling units and main pumps in the building.

The District can submit an FY 25 application to DEED for a Major Maintenance Grant to complete DDC controls for the rest of the school. The Superintendent has also requested funding from the local community to support the project.

## **KIVALINA REPLACEMENT SCHOOL**

**Construction:** Substantial Completion was granted November 6. There is an overall building warranty of one year from this date. ASRC SKW helped complete work on teacher housing utilities. ASRC has left Kivalina for the rest of the winter and will return in the summer to complete safety surfacing for the playground and final site grading. The contract will be closed by September 2023.

**Percent for Art:** The installation of Kevin Smith's art work has been completed. There is a balance of funding for additional art work for the school. The selection of the artwork is a community decision.

**Dedication:** The dedication of the new school has been postponed to fall 2023.

**OTZ Communication site:** The location of the OTZ communication building for the K Hill area will be on the terminus pad which is outside of school property. The pad is already developed. OTZ will coordinate with ASRC, NANA and Kivalina for the use of this site for a permanent communications building. The District has had teleconference discussions with OTZ management and was told there were no outstanding financial issues related to the extension of services to the new school.

## **ACTION ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

None scheduled at this time.