



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2025-2026 Legislative Priorities Alignment

NWABSD Legislative Priorities

- Prepare, Attract, and Retain Teachers, Administrators, and District Staff
 - Teacher Housing
 - Defined Benefits
 - Grow-Our-Own
 - Visas for J1/H1B
- Language & Culture
 - Targeted funding for language revitalization: speakers, curriculum, Sivuniigvik
- Wellness
 - CTE: attendance and enrollment impacted
 - Healthy Relationships/Healthy Families: emphasis on values and cultural activities
 - Harm-to-self
 - Vaping
- Funding for Alaska's Public Schools
 - Increase BSA allocation and account for inflation annually
 - School Construction and Major Maintenance needs: age of buildings/cost, Deering new school construction, match for projects
 - Support for CTE and counselors
 - Food Service: Divert's bill, USDA survey with geographical differential survey update

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future