

Administrator Report

Superintendent Office - Pauline Harvey

On behalf of all our staff and students on the North Slope Borough School District, we want to congratulate the Nuiqsut Trappers for winning the 1A Regional Mixed-Six Volleyball Tournament. They will be attending the state meet in May. We appreciate the participation of all the other volleyball teams! We also want to congratulate the Tikigaq Harpooners for winning the 2A State Basketball Championship. This is very important as we only opened up recently for student athletics. We want to thank the M&O staff, namely Craig Jones and his team, as well as Jeremy Goodwin, and Fadil Limani, and the Business Office for their support. We also thank all the coaches and chaperones that were patient as we worked through some untimely events during the Mixed-Six Volleyball season.

*We want to wish the whaling community's success this spring as they go out onto the ice to harvest the bowhead whale. We thank Ronald Brower for working closely with the whaling captains on the Whaling Standards for our Middle School and High School students to earn credit during this time: *Aġviasiugnikun: Whaling Standards*. We thank the teachers and principals for their close work with the IED department for making this happen. Our thoughts and best wishes go with the communities of Barrow, Wainwright, Kaktovik and Nuiqsut.*

We want to congratulate all our seniors in the district that are graduating during this most challenging year of the Covid19 pandemic. We send you out with hopes that your dreams will be met as you seek further endeavors. We thank the parents, teachers, principals and support staff for your support during this year. We look forward to hearing of your success in the future years. As you're probably aware in May, graduation season is in full-swing across the District. Thank you to all board members that have so graciously given of their time to attend and speak at the graduation ceremonies. It means so much to the graduates, parents, school staff and community members.

We will be holding Summer School from May 17-June 4, 2021. We have about 150 students enrolled. The goal is to use this time for literacy and credit recovery. Students will have the opportunity to participate as long as they have been registered along with the teacher and administrator overseeing the process. This will also be a fun time for students to interact in a smaller group setting.

As the year draws to an end, we are in the midst of preparing already for the fy21-22 school year, and are looking forward to a more "normal" year where all the schools will be open every day five days a week, alongside the fun student athletics and activities that the students and communities are accustomed to. I would like to commend the sites for thinking outside the box this year and providing activities that did not involve travel or the regular

sports like basketball and volleyball. We have seen other types of activities such as fencing, virtual competitions like Horse and other fun events.

We want all our students to be fully prepared academically for a world of success in college, trade school, or for employment in their field of choice. In order to do so, they need to have the basic fundamentals in literacy of language arts and math. We will be making a huge push in the next academic year to have our students begin showing growth in those areas. We want all our students to have a sound beginning and graduate with high reading and math skills. This will take time to develop and show academic growth, however we are confident we can provide that over time.

COVID-19 Update - Lisa Peterson

As of this report, COVID 19 active cases for the North Slope Borough region total 12 , and there are no hospitalizations at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital. There is a cumulative total of 41 hospitalizations at SSMH to date and a cumulative total of 4 region residents have passed away. A COVID 19 positive case was reported during the The Mixed Sixed Volleyball tournament that was held at Barrow High School April 15 and April 16. Students, chaperones, and coaches completed their mandatory 10-day quarantine at Hopson Middle School, and they were able to complete the tournament, with Nuiqsut Trapper School reigning victorious, and Nunamuit School taking victory in the middle school tournament. Village students were able to return home on April 26th. Graduation ceremonies are underway with strict adherence to CDC guidelines.

Curriculum & Instruction - Liz Noble

Planning is underway for remote New Hire Orientation August 2-5. We're working closely with ASDN to support New Hire Orientation and other district initiatives for SY21-22. We are underway with principal check out through reviews of STEPP, Milepost, Inventory, scheduling.

Math supplies were received for the Secondary Home Math Kits and have been shipped to sites for distribution.

Ipalook Elementary has been selected as a 2020-2021 Imagine Nation Beacon School. The Imagine Learning team nominated Ipalook Elementary for above-and-beyond enthusiasm and innovative use of Imagine Learning with your staff and student body. Imagine Learning states “this achievement would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of many administrators, teachers, staff, students, and parents. At Imagine Learning, we congratulate you on your high level of commitment, enthusiasm, and educational innovation. Likewise, we thank you for your dedication to giving students the very best in language, literacy, and math instruction. Please accept our sincere congratulations on achieving Beacon School status and on becoming a citizen of Imagine Nation”.

Janet Crowder's Kindergarten class was recognized as a National Imagine Math PreK-2 Imagine Learning Hero contest for earning over 100 tokens during the month of April. 20 classrooms,

from around the country, were recognized for their commitment to student engagement and Math. Imagine Learning team encourages your, Janet Crowders Kindergarten students to keep up the great work, stay motivated, and never stop learning! Imagine Learning Team is excited to see what successes you and your students accomplish along this educational journey.



Assessment:

PEAKS testing is complete with all sites participating.

WIDA Screeners have been completed with an additional 8 students identified for SY20-202.

NWEA Spring Map assessment has been completed by all sites except two. The final 2 schools will likely complete Map by May 13. Also, the Assessment Calendar for SY21-22 has been disseminated to site Administrators for planning purposes.

Participation Rate Data Collection Report was completed and submitted. We are now collecting Principal Summary Forms to complete the Report Card Data Collection.

Student Records:

Each site will submit a schedule to reflect 6-7 periods a day, Wednesday early release time of 2:45, and 2 common periods to support distance delivery for SY21-22.

Staff also participated in PowerSchool Scheduler training to support larger schools with scheduling and the American Rescue

Ranel, Records Manager, has created NSBSD ON-TRACK that easily tracks which specific students are on-track and which are falling behind. With this, I believe it would be a great tool for the counselors to spot which students are needing more attention to get back on the right path towards graduation. This will also help identify which students are falling behind in the early part of high school rather than catching them when it is their senior year.

Not only is this a great tool for the counselors, but it can also be a useful tool for admin members. The NSBSD ON-TRACK has a feature where you can have an overview of how a school is doing. This will show the total number of students that are on track or falling behind whether as a district as a whole or by the individual school. There are also other filters you can choose from to narrow your search.

The data is exported directly from PowerSchool. It takes less than 5 minutes to update. Target dates of when to update the NSBSD ON-TRACK is at the end of every quarter or semester when grades have been transcribed for credits. Ranel can also update it whenever a counselor requests it since it takes less than 5 minutes to do so. The algorithm for what qualifies as on-track or falling behind can always be updated by the District to what they view as on-track or falling behind. It is currently set as the default, the lowest possible requirement you will need each year and still be able to graduate. NSBSD ON-TRACK was created on Excel with exported data from PowerSchool. With the school boards permission perhaps Ranel can provide a live demonstration at the next board meeting.

Library:

From March 30, 2021 to May 4, 2021 NSBSD students opened 87 books, and read an average of 15.49 hours. Another celebration for April is, we had 22 unique users.

Qargi Academy Update - Liz Noble

Ten seniors will graduate from the Qargi Academy May 7th and May 12th. Congratulations to the students and their families. Special appreciation is extended to the Qargi staff for their commitment to our students and their communities; to the Advisory Policy Committee for their support; and to NSBSD school board, superintendent Harvey and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jones. I would also like to thank Superintendent Harvey, Kim Neakok, Kathleen Fisher, Ronald Brower, Caitlin Montague, and Justinea Willhelm (SAC member) for their participation in the Utqiagvik graduation ceremony.

Student Services - Lori Roth

School Counselors/Social Emotional

Message of Hope Blog: A big thanks to all staff who supported the Message of Hope activities this year. It was a group effort. Mr. Brower, Tennessee Judkins, Sharene Ahmaogak, and Lisa Peterson supported the organization, transcription, and collection of artifacts to submit. The blog can be accessed at <https://ouralaskanschools.edublogs.org/2021/05/04/hope-on-the-slope/> and will be shared with USED Alaska Native Education staff. A meeting will be scheduled prior to the end of the school year to discuss an opening activity for fall of the 2021-2022 school year.

Special Education

- NSBSD continues our cooperative agreement with the Alaska Center for Children and Adults (ACCA) who provide services to families with children birth through 3 at-risk for developmental disabilities. This MOA will ensure children approaching age 3 with concerns of developmental or speech disabilities are referred to the North Slope Borough School District. This MOA also ensures we meet the state and federal timelines by supporting families during transition meetings, possible evaluation meetings for SPED

services, IEP’s meetings, and possible special education placement by the age of 3. We thank Lillian Arnold for her on-going support as our ILP case manager.

- Reviewed Special Education Teacher staffing for 2021-2022. NSBSD budget will support the same staffing for next year. In process of reviewing paraprofessional staffing for SPED and intensive support for FY22 school year.
- Student Services is reviewing and aligning special education paraprofessionals to ensure intensive and classroom support.
- The Student Services Department would like to thank Diana Marsh for her on-going services to the students and families of NSBSD. Diana began as a speech language therapist in 2006 and became a compliance specialist in 2016. Diana has announced her second retirement and will no longer be contracting with NSBSD. We want to thank Diana for her years of support and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

State & Federal Grants - Lori Roth

America Rescue Plan (ARP): Attended webinars facilitated by the Department of Education & Early Development. State to receive \$322,863,421. Discussed District requirements for application and stakeholder engagement. Based on the current timeline, Districts will be notified of individual funding amounts on May 24, 2021. The funding per District is based on Title 1 allocations. Updated SMARTstart Plans, Mitigation Policies, signed Assurances in GMS to be completed by June 23, 2021. Application completed and substantially approved by August 23, 2021. Fully approved by October 31, 2021. For FY22, all GEER, ESSER 1, ESSER 2, ESSER 3, will be under one application in GMS with separate budgets. Application due June 30, 2021.

Caronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRSSA): Application completed and submitted for approval April 28, 2021. Application approved by Department of Education & Early Development April 30, 2021.

Funding for Reopening Schools: Upon receipt of login information, NSBSD will learn funding amount and begin application planning. Application is due June 30, 2021.

Indian Education Grant (Tile VI): Indian Education Committee (IEC) meeting was scheduled May 7, 2021to discuss activities to support the needs of Indian eligible students. Agenda included required bylaws, se;ection of Committee Chairperson, and FY22 application development. The IEC will have a student and teacher representative from Kaktovik, as required within the scheduled rotation. Please go to www.nsbds.org under the Federal Programs tab to see Indian Education updates and Indian Education Committee membership. Application due May 14, 2021.

Indian Education Grant Funding by Year		
Year	# Indian Eligible Students	Funding Amount

2018-2019	1045	\$ 400,666
2019-2020	963	\$ 369,166.00
2020-2021	1,236	\$ 461,933.00
2021-2022	1,461	\$ 521,493.00

Johnson O'Malley Grants: The Business Office and Grants Director are working with BIA and BIE to secure the funds for the Johnson O'Malley grant for the grant years of 2019-20210 through 2020-2021. All applications and student data have been provided with the support of the Indian Education Committee (IEC). After discussion with the BIA, NSBSD will receive funds for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year. NSBSD will receive JOM funds for all sites except Utqiagvik and Point Hope. Those sites will receive direct JOM funds from BIA.

Migrant Education Grant: Migrant Education Recruiter contracts have been distributed and signed. Each active recruiter will receive \$2,000.00 for training and recruiting. NSBSD purchased the following items for student use in the home with migrant education funds: scientific calculator (high school),

Migrant Education Grant (Library): Curriculum & Instruction purchased each eligible student a portable computer table. The tables were shipped to local schools for distribution. Each table contains a letter explaining the item and thanking the parents for working with our Migrant Education Recruiters to complete the application process. The end of the year report was completed and submitted.

Perkins Grant: Budget revision completed and submitted for approval April 28, 2021.

School Improvement Grants: All designations will carry-over to FY22. The Department of Education will review school designations based on graduation rate. If a school meets the requirements for graduation, the designation will be lifted. DEED has requested all schools complete the application process to apply for FY22 funds. All applications are to be completed by the principals and will be entered in GMS as a District application. NSBSD's District application and related documents are due June 30, 2021.

Inupiaq Education - Ronald Brower Sr.

The Inupiaq Education Department participated in Johnson O'Malley Grant with the Director of Student Services. Also participated in the Indian Education Grant for 200 plus eligible North Slope Students.

Due to unavailability of teachers, the IED Coordinator continues to assist the Barrow Qargi Academy in Inupiaq Language instruction.

Inupiaq Language teachers (ILT) met on April 24, 2021 and discussed with new HR Director

John Luhrs some of their concerns. Also discussed was the NSB-NSBSD MOA on roles of IHLC Specialists that are now in place at the following schools: Tikigaq School, Kali School, Alak School, Meade River School, Trapper School and Harold Kaveolook School.

Request for meetings with School advisory Committees(SAC) was submitted to all district Principals to present to them, the pilot Adopt a Teacher plan with the NSBSD and Alaska Humanities Forum C-3 program to seek additional input before it is Introduced to communities and the general public.

This spring, the UAF museum is articulating and suspending a 43' Bowhead Whale skeleton from the lobby ceiling. The specimen, harvested in Utqiaġvik in 1963, has been in the museum's Mammal collection since 1965, with only the skull on exhibit since 1980. As they complete the specimen in May, you can now check out the [Bowhead Articulation playlist](#) on YouTube.

The IED coordinator also met with the IHLC contractors on the Bowhead Whale Display and how it was constructed. The IED coordinator also met with the IHLC Commission and presented recommendations to make some minor changes to the Inupiat Values, based on the Elders work in the past. Several organizations have modified the values developed by Elders Conferences causing some confusion of wording.

The IED Coordinator was invited to present the Native Village of Barrow Tribal Education Ordinance

The Kaktovik Cultural in-service went very well. IED was involved in two presentations: First Drone Photography by Ines Brower and second a review of the Kaktovik Numerals. Elders were invited to present the History of Kaktovik and Local Artifact Collections found in the area.

We also received some good news that the Kaktovik Numerals are going to be included in the 15th Unicode Consortium meeting for final adoption.

ILTs were invited to participate in the National Indian Language Institute sponsored by Oregon State University on the topic: Grow your Own Teachers Project.

The Principal Check out forms are being digitized to make the process simpler to complete annually.

Ilisagvik College (IC) portion of the IC/NSBSD Dual credit course INU 118 80X/ INU 926 1 - 2 ended on Thursday April 27, 2021. The NSBSD portion will conclude on Friday May 7, 2021. Two adults and three students successfully completed the course. for your consideration.

Human Resources - John Luhrs

We are pleased to recommend Ronnie Hawley as the new Residential Learning Center Coordinator. Ronnie has been recognized as the Career and Technical Education Teacher of the year for the state of Alaska this year and we look forward to him sharing his expertise with all of our students in the schools across the school district. In addition to recommending Ronnie we are presenting to you fourteen teacher candidates for positions in District schools. This leaves us with 21 vacancies to fill before school resumes in the fall. That said, principals and the Human

Resources Department are working hard to fill those positions and in anticipation of recruitment spilling into the summer months we are asking the Board to grant us permission to hire quality candidates during the summer months without prior Board approval.

The Human Resources Department has been busy keeping our profile fresh on the ATP website and we are currently preparing for the next Virtual Job Fair on May 20.

Superintendent Harvey, Dr. Jones, Fidal Limani and myself participated in a presentation from Frontline regarding their Proactive Recruiting platform that we collectively decided to purchase after watching the presentation. The District will begin using the expanded platform as soon as an implementation team is able to train the Human Resource Department on using the expanded capabilities. The program will allow us to seamlessly post job openings for teachers, administrators and support staff to K12JobSpot.com, Google Jobs and aggregate our search to other recruiting platforms.

There are approximately 1.5 million active users registered on K12JobSpot and we can customize our search criteria and invite qualified job seekers to apply. Once the recruiting and hiring process is complete the Frontline platform will let us automatically send hiring documents to the selected candidates and will track completion progress for us and send gentle reminders to candidates to finish up the required documents necessary to complete the hiring process. This will make the onboarding process faster and more accurate without us needing to manually track progress. Eventually we believe we can eliminate some of our 16 file cabinets now storing paper documents. We have every confidence that this program will help us fill our remaining vacancies with quality employees.

At the time of this report we are wrapping up our hiring process for summer school administrators and teachers for the three week summer session Superintendent Harvey spoke about.

Information Technology - Everett Haimes

The Information Technology Department has been busy preparing for the upcoming network redesign. The initial kickoff meeting with GCI was held on Thursday April 29th and the design goals and requirements were discussed. Friday April 30th the IP addressing design was mapped out and supplied to GCI and by the end Saturday, May 1st the configuration was deployed to the District firewalls and we are now awaiting GCI engineering to deliver their transition plan.

A MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) issue was identified on the District Wide Area Network that has been causing packet fragmentation and subsequent reassembly, resulting in dropped TCP sessions and poor network performance. We have temporarily reconfigured the District firewalls to fragment at the network edges, helping slightly, but GCI is presently working on a resolution.

In order to provide access to the new 988 mental health emergency hotline, ASTAC is implementing 10-digit dialing across the state. IT has successfully transitioned Utquigvik to the

new dial plan, and once notified by ASTAC IT will transition all sites to the new dial plan. No changes to dialing habits are anticipated because telephone number translations from 7-digit to 10-digit will be performed by District telephone routers at each location.

Business Office - Fadil Limani

Student Activities - Jeremy Goodwin

Thank you to the following;

Superintendent Pauline Harvey, Leadership Committee, NSBSD Maintenance staff, Transportation, Food Service, Business Office, Barrow High, Hopson Middle, ASNA & the COVID test center, Tim at Marsh Creek in Kaktovik, Freida Kaleak, & last but not least all the players/coaches/chaperones for exhibiting outstanding composer and staying positive during this time.

On Saturday, April 17, 2021 the NSBSD was informed of a positive COVID19 case and that all 63 Volleyball individuals would need to be quarantined for 10 days. With the help of Mark Jenkins, Charles Tenbroeck & the HMS staff, Craig Jones, Lori Roth, Liz Noble, coaches, & chaperones a structured day to day plan was developed to get the kids in class, library, & PE daily.

On the 7th day of the quarantine per the State of Alaska we could perform COVID19 tests on everyone and with negative results start the Regional tournament on day eight. We received all Negative results and began the Regional Tournament on April 24-25. In addition, all participants would need to receive another COVID19 test on Sunday before returning home on Monday. After receiving all negative results on Sunday, April 25 all teams flew home Monday, April 26.

1A MIXED 6 VOLLEYBALL MIDDLE SCHOOL APRIL 16-17 @ HMS

Teams Include; Nunamiut Amagaqs, Hopson Wolves, & Alak Huskies

1st Place Nunamiut Amagaqs

Please recognize all the teams/coaches/chaperones for an outstanding job

1A MIXED 6 VOLLEYBALL ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT APRIL 16-17 @ BHS

Teams Include; Nuiqsut Trapper, Tikigaq Harpooners, Alak Huskies,
Kaveolook Rams, & Meade River Eagles

The Round Robin tournament will help seed everyone for Regionals.

#1 Seed Tikigaq, #2 Seed Trapper, #3 Seed Alak, #4 Seed Kaveolook, #5 Seed Meade River

1A MIXED 6 VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS April 24-25 @ HMS

Teams Include; Nuiqsut Trapper, Tikigaq Harpooners, Alak Huskies,
Kaveolook Rams, & Meade River Eagles

1st Place Nuiqsut Trapper

2nd Place Tikigaq Harpooners
Sportsmanship – Harold Kaveolook

All Tourney Boys – Robert Ipalook, NUI / Peter Frankson, PHO / Josh Hughs, ATQ
/ Harry Bodfish, AIN / Marcus Galager, KAK

All Tourney Girls - Lydia Oyagak, NUI / Kasey Oviok, PHO / Raquel Ahmaogak-Nayakik, AIN
Shyala Aiken, ATQ / Natasha Gordon, KAK

Nuigsut Trapper - will compete in Anchorage May 7-8 in the 2021 ASAA 1A Mixed 6 Volleyball State
Tournament @ Dimond High School

Coach: Kelly Kemper, Manager: Thomasina Napageak, 12th Douglas Cabinboy, 12th Robert Ipalook, 9th Sam
Pausanna, 12th Heather Napageak, 9th Vanessa Napageak, 10th Lydia Oyagak,
12th Lucy Napageak, 9th Ruby Burnell-Ahmakak

BHS B&G Basketball

April 16-19 – Traveled to Wasilla to compete in a tournament
Boys teams include: Barrow, Colony, Peninsula, Houston, Wasilla, & Ringers
Girls teams include: Barrow, AK Stars Gold, AK Stars Blue, ACS, & Elevate

April 30-May 3 - Traveled to Wasilla to compete in a tournament
Boys team: Is on 10 day Quarantine
Girls teams include: Barrow, AK Stars, Hot Shots, & Elevate

BHS B&G Wrestling

April 22-24 – Traveled to Kotzebue to compete in duels
May 11-14 – Regionals @ Kotzebue
May 21-22 – State Wrestling
April 22-24 Tournament - Was a round robin style tournament so no metals or places were given but
Two of the Whaler Wrestlers went 3-0: Manu Muti (Freshman) and Uata Tuifua (Freshman). They both
won by pin in all 3 matches
Senior Eve Negovanna went 2-1, winning those two matches by pins
Two of the first year wrestlers won their first ever high school tournament matches by pin: Ricky
deLaRosa (Freshman) pinned his opponent in 38 seconds. Jayson Akpik (Sophomore) pinned his
opponent in 47 seconds.

Maintenance & Operations - Craig Jones

- Summer projects by site: