# NWABSD STRATEGIC PLAN JANUARY 2023 – JUNE 2027



Adopted by the Board XX/XX/20XX

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**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP** 

Superintendent: Terri Walker:

FY 2023 School Board members: Margaret Hansen, President; Carol Schaeffer, Vice President; Marie Greene, Treasurer; Tillie Ticket, Secretary;

Millie Hawley, Parliamentarian; Joanne Harris, Member; Shannon Melton, Member; Alice Melton-Barr, Member;

Alice Adams, Member; Nellie Ballot, Member; Lawrence Jones, Sr., Member

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Alice Adams, Member; Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Member; Vacant, Member

#### **FOUNDATION STATEMENTS**

Mission - To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.

#### **Mission Descriptors**

We do this through:

- Traditional Learning cultural and Language
- Succeeding through challenges
- Setting up for success
- Walking along with students
- · Preparing students to plan for their futures
- Understanding each has different dreams

Vision - To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.

#### **Vision Descriptors**

Needed Skills	Needed Knowledge	Needed Attitudes
Construction	Basic Knowledge	Responsibility for Communities
<ul> <li>Mechanics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Computers - Technical Readiness</li> </ul>	Respect for Homelands
<ul> <li>Teamwork</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Knowledge of Careers</li> </ul>	Respect for Others
<ul> <li>Cooperation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consequences</li> </ul>	Work Ethic
<ul> <li>Basic Work Skills</li> </ul>		Accountability
<ul> <li>Communication</li> </ul>		Aspiring
<ul> <li>Ready to work – Interview</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Sled Building</li> </ul>		

#### **CORE VALUES**

Respect

Hard Work

Cooperation

Perseverance

Ability to Adapt

Belief in yourself

Learning

Resilience

Accountability

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NWABSD staff will evaluate the systems of MTSS and Safe and Civil operationalized within schools with current strategies supported with data (literacy) use. The implementation of the strategy will be supported with increased instructional support implemented through strengthening relationships to support instructional teams.

Objective 2: Safe & Civil Refresh

NWABSD staff will evaluate the systems of PBIS/Safe & Civil Schools operationalized within schools with current strategies for structured learning environments. The implementation of the strategy will be supported with increased instructional support implemented through strengthening professional development delivery to support instructional teams.

#### Goal 4: Wellness

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NWABSD staff will develop the program with an implementation plan leading to an operationalized program to include documentation of counseling services at all sites.

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NWABSD staff will align curriculum to support the growth of students throughout their education to be prepared for employable roles within the region.

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NWABSD Regional School Board will improve new board member orientation to support board efficacy and improve onboarding and communications.

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NWABSD Regional School Board executive committee will meet quarterly to plan for regional strategies and partnerships.

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NWABSD Regional School Board will monitor and review all assessment data and results.



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#### **Goal 1: School and Culture**

**Objective 1: Community School Connections** 

NWABSD will work with each site to establish a Tribal/Community Partnership Plan to provide relevant learning opportunities and support. Schools will support the plan with improvement data and ongoing adjustments for continuous improvement.

**Objective Lead: Superintendent** 

Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
1.1.1 Partner with stake holders to strengthen Inupiaq curriculum through language and culture programs that include goals and actions.	Schools will support the plan with improvement data and ongoing adjustments for continuous improvement. Sign agreements with stakeholders that include goals and actions.	Submit data every quarter Beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester January 2024	75%	
1.1.2 Connect Curriculum with Cultural Ways and Science Knowledge in a local setting.	Documentation of partnerships between the school and community.     Knowledge bearers in the classroom	Quarter 1,2,3,4	30%	
1.1.3 Inform all stake holders about the progress of school/community connections	Provide progress report.	Bi-annually in October and March	Feedback and surveys	

#### **Objective 2: Immersion School Program**

NWABSD will begin an immersion school program starting with PreK level and moving to Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade progressively throughout the next five years.

Objective Lead: Superintendent

Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
1.2.1 Assist Iñupiaq Instructors to obtain their certification through the state of Alaska	Determine NWABSD Eligibility for Alternative Certification Options     Identify Coursework and Professional Development.     Develop ongoing support, onboarding, and checkpoints for teacher progress.     Identify local partnerships to support local context and culturally responsive professional development.     Align our system with UA system for cosponsored courses and alternative path consisting of CEUs (budget item).	System Developed: Spring 2025	50%	Unknown
1.2.2 Train our Iñupiaq Instructors fluently into immersion methods of teaching Iñupiaq	Identify the path for obtaining fluency     a. Develop a roadmap for fluency progression.     b. Identify screener/assessment for each level.	System Developed: Spring 2025	50%	Unknown
1.2.3 Provide ongoing professional development for the Iñupiaq Instructors.	Build a plan and timeline for professional development.	Ongoing	75%	Unknown

#### Objective 3: Cultural Science Curriculum

NWABSD will create a cultural place-based science curriculum using the traditional Native Ways of Knowing and Learning.

Objective Lead: Superintendent

Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
1.3.1 Develop lessons and activities that align with local traditions and practices utilizing natural resources to make the science curriculum more relevant and relatable for all students.	<ol> <li>Completion of a curriculum map that identifies specific points in the science curriculum where local traditions can be incorporated, with consultation from Elders or cultural leaders.</li> <li>A minimum of 3 hands-on, project-based activities per semester that engage students with the natural environment (e.g., water quality testing of local rivers,</li> </ol>	In Progress	50%	



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1.3.2 Incorporate the Iñupiaq language into the curriculum, promoting language preservation and encouraging students to learn and communicate these concepts in their native tongue.	plant identification, or studying local wildlife migration patterns).  3. At least 2 community-based science projects per year that involve students working alongside community members (e.g., collaborative projects with hunters, gatherers, or local environmental experts).  1. Develop and use vocabulary lists, with both English and Iñupiaq terms, for key science concepts.  2. Work with local Iñupiaq language experts or Elders to integrate traditional stories, phrases, or terminology into science lessons, ensuring students hear and practice	In Progress	100%	
1.3.3 Design hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that connect students with the local environment and traditional practices.	Iñupiaq in a real-world context.     Collaborate with local experts, such as hunters, gatherers, or Elders, to guide students in traditional practices while integrating relevant scientific principles like ecology or sustainability.  Plan field trips or outdoor lessons where students can observe and interact with the local environment.	In Progress	100%	
1.3.4 Establish community partnerships with local organizations and tribal councils to support the development and implementation of the curriculum and ensure ongoing cultural relevance.	Form a network with local organizations, tribal councils, and community leaders to regularly consult curriculum development, ensuring cultural relevance and alignment with community values and traditions.      Meet with Iñupiaq Ilisautri and science teachers twice a year to co-develop and review curriculum, ensuring the integration of traditional knowledge, practices, and cultural relevance.	In Progress	100%	
1.3.5 Involve local elders as educators and mentors, recognizing their invaluable role in passing down traditional knowledge.	Present the curriculum to the Elders' Council twice a year for feedback and to strengthen local partnerships, ensuring accuracy.	In Progress	10%	
1.3.6 Empower students to explore and share their own traditional knowledge within the curriculum, creating a learning environment where both the teacher and students contribute to the learning.	Organize an annual "Local Science Showcase" where students present projects that reflect their learning on local traditions, natural resources, and scientific principles, with community members invited to participate.      Create opportunities for students to share personal or family stories that connect with the lesson topics, integrating traditional knowledge into classroom discussions and allowing students to take an active role in contributing to curriculum development.	In Progress	50%	



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implementation of a 5-year budget forecast.				
Objective Lead: Director of Administrative Se			D	Design of (Times 0 Manage)
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
<b>2.1.1</b> Optimize Purchasing system with E-Procurement integration with vendors in	NWABSD secretaries and administrators will be able to	October 2022 until complete, estimated timeline 3 months.	COMPLETE – February 2023	
Accounting Software (IVisions)	purchase supplies from specific	esumated umenne 3 months.	2023	
Accounting Software (IVISIONS)	vendor websites through the			
	District's accounting software.			
	This will make purchasing from			
	these vendors much easier and			
	will encumber purchases.			
2.1.2 Integrate Human Resources system	NWABSD staff information will	June 2027 due to staff turnover	20%	
(Frontline Central) with Accounting Software	flow from Human Resources	and training expectations		
(IVisions)	system to accounting software to	Lutu 0000	50/	
2.1.3 Streamline Adjusting and Budget journal entries with electronic workflow	NWABSD budget authorities will be able to submit budget	July 2026	5%	
entitles with electronic worknow	transfers and re-code expenses			
	electronically in the District's			
	accounting software instead of on			
	paper.			
2.1.4 Optimize Employee Reimbursement	Employees will be able to submit	July 2026	Partial setup in IVisions	\$4932 to IVisions and an estimated
system utilizing accounting software instead of	for reimbursement of purchases		complete previously, not	3 working days – One for setup, one
DocuSign forms	through IVisions. Meeting with		sure what date. Need to	for documenting process and
	accounting software needed to		complete setup, train staff,	training with staff, one for
	review options already purchased and review anticipated need.		and add to process manual	contingency
2.1.5 Evaluating Staff and Student travel	Policy and procedure for staff	September 2025	50%	
processes and procedures	travel are being updated. Internal	Coptombol 2020	0070	
' '	processes and paperwork for the			
	business office are being			
	reviewed.			
Objective 2: Standard Operating Procedure D	ocumentation			
The NWABSD will establish written processes	to support all processes within th	e district to support efficiency an	nd succession planning.	
Objective Lead: Director of Administrative Se		Commission Date/Timeline	Due sure e	Dudget (Time 9 Manay)
Strategies and Actions  2.2.1 Establish where District processes are to	Key Indicators/metric  NWABSD Staff members will	Completion Date/Timeline June 2027	Progress	Budget (Time & Money) TBD. This project may have a heavy
be compiled and outlined	have clearly defined processes	June 2027		lift at first, but once implemented the
25 compiled and oddined	for School District Procedures.			District's Processes will only need to
	These processes will be			be reviewed annually and adjusted
	accessible to all staff and all staff			based on need
	will receive notification about			based stilleda
	where to find the District's			
	processes and procedures upon			
	being hired.			



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Objective Lead: Director of Curriculum

Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
Identify and implement a district-wide reporting system to document student intervention plans and team meetings.	Build and test MTSS monitoring dashboard. Aug. 2025: PowerSchool MTSS development initiated.	June 2025	20%: Aug 2025	Not to exceed \$10,000
	□ 100% of instructional staff are trained to use the new dashboard. Aug. 2025 development of in-service trainings (during collaborative meetings) on new platform(PowerSchoo	October 2025	10%. Aug. 2025	
	90% of student intervention meetings and plans documented.	May 2026	10% Aug 2025	
Build a schedule for principals, teachers, intervention teams, and district leaders to meet regularly (quarterly) to review student data, intervention effectiveness,	100% of schools with active student intervention teams: Aug. 2025 initiated bi-monthly intervention team meeting during Monday collaborative meeting time	May 2027	50% Aug. 2025	N/A
and next steps.	☐ Scheduled Districtwide professional development reviewing quarterly data.			
	100% of students at Tier III have Individual Reading Improvement Plans that include a regular review of their stude data and intervention adjustments.	ent		
	□ 10% reduction of students in Tier III.			
Implement the parent communication plan that includes regular updates on intervention plans and progress through	☐ 100% of Tier II/Tier III K-3 parents update every four weeks o their students' progress.	n May 2026	50% Aug 2025	N/A (LIT GRANT)
meetings, progress reports, and online platforms.	Annual workshops are scheduled to guide parents in supporti student growth outside of school.	ng		
Objective 2: Positive Behavior Intervent	l ion Supports rent Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) systems, sp	pecifically those from Safe	& Civil Schools	
Objective Lead: Director of Curriculum			<del></del>	
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
Annual review and improvement of a school-wide Positive Behavior	100% of all staff have reviewed schoolwide plans by August 3 of each school year.			
Intervention System to promote consistent positive behavior.	<ul> <li>100% of schools have a written school-wide plan accessible t all students, staff, and parents.</li> <li>100% of all staff have completed a second review and</li> </ul>	0	30% Aug 2025	
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refinement of schoolwide plans by December 10<sup>th of each school year.</sup>



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Annual review and improvement of a	100% of all staff have reviewed class wide plans with Site	August 2025		
class wide Positive Behavior Intervention	Administrator by August 20th of each school year.	_	400/ 4 000-	
Plans to promote consistent positive	100% of classrooms have a written class-wide plan accessible		10% Aug 2025	
behavior.	to all students, staff, and parents.			

#### Goal 4: Wellness Objective 1: Sustainable Counseling Program NWABSD staff will develop the program with an implementation plan leading to an operationalized program to include documentation of counseling services at all sites. Objective Lead: Director of Student Services Completion Budget (Time & Strategies and Actions Kev Indicators/Metric **Progress** Date/Timeline Money) 100% Completed Grant for Jan 23-24 4.1.1 Obtain Grant to receive full funding -Our Youth Obtain a grant for to support the training and practice of January 2023 Positive Vision for Future by 2027 school counseling in NWABSD to Jan 27-28 Grant total for 5 vears= 4.1.2 Define all potential partnerships for counseling 75% complete March 2024: January 2027 Maniilag and Compassionate Counseling partnerships 80%complete programs Sept. 2024: Initiated Behavior Health cooperation/meetings to facilitate counseling services. Release of information for shared programming. June 2025: 2025: Compassionate counseling MOA for fy 26 completed and paid for through counselor grant. Laptops purchased with grant monies for Maniilag Partnership/Behavioral Health in Schools. Currently ~45 students being served via dual school/Maniilag partnership. August 2025: fy26 school year start up beginning with Manillag continuation or care with current students. Monthly care meetings set up with school district liaisons and staff. 4.1.3 Establish harm-to-self follow-up protocols, Harm to Self or Others protocol or others established and June 2027 60% complete June 2027 80%: (25-26 training and tracking data/procedures yearly training with principals and counselors. To be completed yearly: school year) 22-23 = yes completed 23-24= yes completed 24-25= yes, completed 25-26= ves completed in-service (principals and counselors) 26-27 4.1.4 Obtain funding for continuation of Programming Grant or general fundings. June 2027 8/14/25 2027-28 (see after funding -Our Youth Positive Vision for Future no Sept. 2024: Initiated conversation with Grants regarding 50% complete funding options) longer available. timing on potential new grants: Spring 2025: Initial discussions on what use of general funds for counseling services could be worked into site funding. Possible funding options: Could include counselors as part of the student teacher ratio.



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	Or Counselor vs. Assistant principal at larger sites.     Or could use Title I and/or IV grant funds and/or Mig. ed funds can be used too. OYOF grand continues for 2.5 more years. No changes have been announced.  Spring 2026 Spring 2027 TP) rainer program, including ongoing reinforcement and implementation.	on in the classroom.		
Objective Lead: Director of Student Services		O a manufactions		Decile 4 /Time 0
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
<b>4.2.1</b> Train-the-trainer for Trauma Informed Practices	Obtain Train -the-trainer certification.	Completed Trainer #1 May 2023 Trainer #2 Dec. 2023	100% completed	ESER funds used to train the trainer
<b>4.2.2</b> Inservice training ongoing yearly through length of this strategic plan	Training completed as evidenced by sign in sheet during beginning of the year in-service and monthly office hours on TEAMS	Aug. 2023 completed all staff Aug. 2024 Completed all staff training during in-service. Aug. 2025 Staff training completed in Aug. 14,2025 Aug.2026 Aug. 2027	60%	No cost as we have inhouse trainers
4.2.3 Trauma informed professional Development and supports to be made available to all staff on a yearly basis. Obtain grant funds for yearly presenters on trauma informed teaching practices and/or resiliency and restorative practice PD	FY 23: FY 24: March 2024 Weekly Trauma informed and Resilience Focused Office hours initiated for teachers Sept. Office hours continue, and Trauma Informed inservice planned for Oct. 2024 FY 25 Oct. 2024 District-wide professional development with Trauma informed specialist: Linda Chamberline June 2025: Empower U programming used about 60% of sites for social stories/Social emotional supports/social/emotional skills, problem solving and deescalation techniques. Developing trauma informed classroom management training for fy 26. FY 26 see above FY 27	2024 Grant funds used for Inservice Professional Development. 2025: Empower U being implemented in school, resiliency lesson.	60%	No cost as we have inhouse trainers Grants: to be determined.



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Goal 5: Growing Our Own				
Objective 1: High School and Post Secondary Voc NWABSD staff will align curriculum to support the	growth of students throughout their education		ithin the region.	
Objective Lead: Director of the Alaska Technical C	Center and Director of Curriculum and Instruction	n		
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
<b>5.1.1</b> Develop overarching plan for complete alignment	Have a timeline and review cycle. FY25- Completed Perkins 4 Year Plan	August 2025	100%	
<b>5.1.2</b> Design procedure and template for pillar alignment.	Implement pillar template	March 2025	50%	
5.1.3 Assess current CTE Alignments	Organize and identify current CTE courses and Career Technical Education Pathways. Identify deficiencies in pathways and course offerings.	August 2025	30%	
<b>5.1.4</b> Identify best practices for CTE alignment for NWABSD students.	Review national CTE curricula standards and alignments Compare and examine other CTE institutions pathways with NWABSD pathways	December 2025	30%	
<b>5.1.5</b> Develop aligned pillars for High School and Adults	□ Education □ Culinary Arts □ Construction Trades □ Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) □ Business □ Process Technology	December 2027	0%	
Objective 2: Regional Workforce Development				
NWABSD will develop a plan for ATC to grow align		needs.		
Objective Lead: Director of the Alaska Technical C	enter		1	Dudmat /Times 0
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
5.2.1 Identify regional workforce needs	Complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment for Regional Workforce Development	Survey sent Out to Stakeholders and Data being collected August 2025	75%	
<b>5.2.2</b> Map Regional workforce needs assessments	Identify common industry trainings Identify skillsets alignment	October 2025	25%	
5.2.3 Draft regional workforce map	Develop training schedule5	April 2026	10%	
<b>5.2.4</b> Validate regional workforce map with employers	Regional workforce feedback and revisions	December 2027	0%	
<b>5.2.5</b> Develop a consortium to focus on a condensed training and workforce development scholarship application for the whole region	Region wide scholarship application	May 2026	5%	



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Goal 6: Board Development Objective 1: Improve New Board Member Orientation				
NWABSD Regional School Board will improve new b		fficacy and improve onboarding and co	mmunications.	
Objective Lead: Regional School Board Secretary				
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time 8 Money)
6.1.1 Attend the new boardsmanship annual AASB training and attend monthly webinar series	All first-term board members attend the Boardsmanship annual AASB training or attend the monthly webinar series	annual Conf. – by Nov. 2025 Minimum of 6 Webinars by Nov 2025	0%	\$5,0000
6.1.2 Develop a Board handbook with pertinent information (calendar, policies, guidelines, strategic plan, budget, etc)	Scheduled ADHOC committee meeting Handbook completed, printed and posted online.	Oct. Retreat 2025	0%	\$1,000
6.1.3 Improve succession plan outreach for attracting new board members				
Objective 2: Executive Committee Planning NWABSD Regional School Board executive committe Objective Lead: President of the Regional School Bo	ee will meet quarterly to plan for regional str	ategies and partnerships.		
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
6.2.1 create an organizational committee to promote ideas.	Identify 3-5 outside agencies to strategize with to develop ideas.		0%	
6.2.2 work with outside organizations to assist with incentivizing reading at home.	Each committee will identify 3-5 strategies.		0%	
6.2.3 work with outside organizations to assist with incentivizing attendance and enrollment.	Each committee will identify 3-5 strategies.		0%	
Objective 3: Improve Board comprehension of stude NWABSD Regional School Board will monitor and re Objective Lead: Regional School Board Treasurer	I nt data (especially as it relates to the Alaska view all assessment data and results.	Reads Act)		
6.3.1 Review student data 3 times a year-Annual AK- star assessment review and growth assessments after completed	Schedule on the Board agenda guidelines	October, February, and June meetings.	75%	
6.3.2 Annually review curriculum materials at all grades three times a year	Schedule on the Board agenda guidelines.	September, November, January	0%	
6.3.3				