

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** August 27, 2024

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Superintendent's Report

### **ATTENDANCE:**

The district will continue to work towards creating a district wide approach to increase our attendance rates. Data, such as the one below, is used to assist.

### **Attendance Committee:**

The attendance subcommittee has reviewed districts in state and out of state attendance policies. They will present recommendations for any possible changes to current policies. This is not intended to be a negative report for the parents but a way to identify how better to support students and families.

Presently, the only choices in powerschool are Absent, Excused or Absent, Unexcused. A power school report that lists each student with the days absent, days present, and attendance percentage can reviewed by district and school and consequently, presented to parents. There is an opportunity to allow for categories such as: appointments; fever; out of town; etc. The committee will work with the secretaries and power school in creating more attendance categories.

We have had 456 student responses from the Absenteeism surveys. That is a great result and gives us some great feedback on Attendance.

Results of the Absenteeism surveys include:

Most Common to least common reasons of absence

Minor Illness	37% of respondents
Appointment	30% of respondents
Spending time with Parent	30% of respondents
Too Cold to walk	26% of respondents
Taking Care of siblings	22% of respondents
School sports activities	22% of respondents

PSA's are continually going out on KOTZ radio with ways to help students increase their attendance in school.

### **ENROLLMENT:**

K-12's current enrollment is 1859, a increase of 26 students since June's count.

PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment is 1888, a decrease of 77 students.

SCHOOL	PK3	PK4	KG	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	TOTAL
ABL	0	7	4	6	7	3	5	5	6	5	9	5	5	1	2	70
BKC	0	2	15	12	19	15	15	17	17	15	21	17	12	14	19	210
DRG	0	2	2	3	5	5	2	9	0	4	4	3	5	3	6	53

IAN	1	0	3	10	8	8	4	5	8	8	5	6	14	5	9	94
KVL	0	0	2	11	9	8	7	19	14	12	14	12	14	14	14	150
OBU	0	2	4	3	3	0	6	1	3	3	2	4	1	1	1	34
HSCH	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	5	4	10	28
JNES	3	8	41	48	48	45	31	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	263
KMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	50	44	53	34	40	46	315
WTK	0	0	19	12	13	10	4	15	9	8	11	17	15	9	17	159
ORV	1	0	13	8	16	14	24	16	19	18	14	18	16	9	7	193
WLK	0	1	15	12	21	17	20	17	16	26	14	22	19	26	29	255
SHG	1	1	4	5	7	4	7	5	6	6	2	4	3	3	6	64
Grades						# of Students										
PK-12						1888										
K-12						1865										

### **NWALT Quad Board Planning**

NWALT has planned for a quad board work session on September 25-26. This is the time when the NANA, Maniilaq, Borough and School Board members will meet together with designated staff to go through a facilitated process that will result in an NWALT strategic plan. It will be here in Kotzebue with a potluck held on the first night. At the potluck, they would like a wide variety of local foods for the Nikapiaq feast.

### **Travel**

#### Superintendent's out-of-district travel

- National Indian Education Conference      Palm Springs, CA      October 7-11
- AK Federation of Natives Conference      Anchorage, AK      October 16-18
- AASB Annual Conference      Anchorage, AK      November 7-10

A reminder I will be out on personal leave-two weeks at a family reunion from Sept. 9th through the morning of Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Terri Walker,  
Superintendent