

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: Aug. 26th - 27th, 2024

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Student Services

Perrian Windhausen, Director of Student Services reports on the following:

Data and Assessment:

- Processing of staffing changes; new hires, transfers, resignations. Each staff account must be updated in PowerSchool and in the NWEA system.
 - Update or create PowerSchool account
 - Verify new teacher schedule with principal
 - Update or create NWEA account
- School secretaries training completed, training included: vaccination requirements, birth certificate requirements, and registration packets, etc.
- Summer OASIS data filed for the Department of Education.
- Updated the drop forms.
- Data (PowerSchool) professional development presentations for administrators were prepared and placed in all principal binders.
- Answered Principals questions about new PowerSchool
- Preparing Sped laptops for the 24-25 year, updating inventory.

Counselors:

- All schools have been assigned a school counselor or counseling intern.
- Two new staff members have been recruited for the 2024-2025 school year: Carey Hahnier (School Counseling Intern) and Halie Mahoney (School Counselor).
- School binders have been completed for Principals and Assistant principals at each school site location outlining procedures for School Counseling services.
- Submitted names of 17 students to receive the University of Alaska (UA) Scholars' Program. Activated all UA Scholar cites for all participating schools. The University of Alaska will determine winners and notify recipients prior to graduation.
- Scheduled ANSEP students
- Addressing changes with the Alaska Performance Scholarship with staff and students because of Governor Dunleavy's end of the year signing of HB 148.
- In-servicing planned for all school counselors and counseling interns during the month of August.
- Reviewed grades for credit recovery summer students.
- Senior credit checks completed at each school site to ensure students are on track for Spring 2025 Graduation.

Special Education:

- Preparing for Special Ed State audit taking place end of August.
- Caseloads Determined and permissions granted in EMBRACE online IEP system.
- All sites fully staffed with Special Education teaching positions and special education service providers.
- All Specialist (Speech/Language Pathologist, Physical therapist, Vision Specialist, Occupational Therapist, Behavior Specialist and School Psychologist have plans for their first visits in August and September.
- New referrals have been processed and assigned case managers.
- Special Education Teachers and Paraprofessionals rostered for 3-day reading interventions training during August in-service.

Early Learning and Family (ELF):

- Enrollment is approximately 14 children with several referrals in the works. We have been working closely with providers at Maniilaq Health Center on the Well-Child and referral process. This has resulted in more referrals. Families continue to be more reluctant to engage post-COVID, though we are finally experiencing more people willing to have us visit as well as attend playgroups.
- We have received the grant from the State Infant Learning Program.
- We will begin traveling this coming week.
- We are working with Maniilaq providers on improving the developmental screening process in the region.
- Nauyaq is working with the local childcare to do a pilot of virtual playgroups in the region. These became popularized during COVID and continue to be widely used in other parts of the state. This also empowers parents to start learning at home.

Youth Leaders:

Awarded one year grant for Youth Leaders to continue in the 2024-25 School Year. Discussion taking place regarding a Coordinator and Lead Advisors. Plans for events this school year include Captains Retreat, Elder and Youth Conference/AFN, AASB Legislative Fly-In, Youth Leadership Institute and a Spring retreat in a village.