

Recognizing the North Slope Borough in the Building the New Interim Harold Kaveolook School

The North Slope Borough School District Board of Education bestows its distinguished recognition awards to district employees, volunteers and community organizations that go the extra lengths to support and advance education on the North Slope.

Today, the North Slope Borough School District celebrates the North Slope Borough's accomplishments and highlights their many areas of excellence in the building of the New Interim Harold Kaveolook School.

The entire school project has been a very big undertaking in a remarkably short time.

The building modules started arriving the first of April; PEAK delivered the modules and installed the pilings, then welded the steel frame work, set up and assembled the modules. They accomplished all of that, and managed to get the drill rig back across the ice road before spring break up.

General Contractor SKW Eskimo Inc., worked tirelessly to complete all the work inside and outside of the building. Principal Todd Washburn reported in August, "The SKW workers have moved to 16 hour shifts to try to get the building finished."

New flooring, decks and stairs, wall coverings, doors, ceiling, roofing, siding, service road and pad construction were completed. Water was brought in from the water plant. The temporary sewer holding trailer remains and is regularly pumped. The school is slated to have permit sewer hook up to the city sewer system as soon as the ground freezes and can be dug in.

The North Slope Borough/Public Works tore down and hauled away the old burnt structure, clean-up of the grounds is almost completed.

The line men have restored power to teacher housing, and the new interim school. Areas that are left to complete are the stand-by generator hook up, and temporary power to the old school that is still standing, supplies are ordered to finish that work.

On September 17, 2020, the interim school doors opened to students, parents and staff. The school is holding their regular class schedules, and its meal program.

Special thank you to North Slope Borough Mayor Harry Brower, Jr., the North Slope Borough Assembly members, and NSB Lead Project Manager, Matt Dunn, General Contractor Chris Elken, with SKW, Eskimo Inc., many other foremen and supervisors involved in NSB Building Project. It was a process of adapting and pushing through with great rewards, of providing education and meals to Kaveolook School children and community.

Special thank you to everyone who has made this project come together: the North Slope Borough linemen, subcontractors and tradesman, plumbers, electricians, H&U Hvac, all the local workers, public works, water plant crew, the plant managers, and Kaktovik maintenance staff, Principal Todd Washburn, and special thanks to "Bugsy" who prepared meals out of her home after the fire.