



**Nuiqsut Trapper School
SAC Report
September 2025**

Principal: Joslyn Pierce

Assistant Principal: Ivie Greenwood

SAC Members: (Indicate which member is President, Vice President, Secretary)

Name, Seat 1

Colleen Sovalik, Seat 4

Name, Seat 2

Elizabeth Ahtuangeruk, Seat 5

Rosanne Lampe, Seat 3 Rosanne

Enrollment: 145

Pre-K3: 3	Pre-K4: 4	K: 4	1st Grade: 11	2nd Grade: 10
3rd Grade: 8	4th Grade: 11	5th Grade: 12	6th Grade: 10	7th Grade: 12
8th Grade: 12	9th Grade: 13	10th Grade: 11	11th Grade: 14	12th Grade: 10

Attendance:

We have many students currently out for subsistence hunting and medical appointments. As the year progresses, we are looking forward to finding new and creative ways to incentivize student attendance. In the past our students have greatly enjoyed weekly grade level competitions and awarding individual students with exemplary attendance, along with their parents. We regularly use our school Facebook page to recognize students who come to school every day and do their best.

Staff:

Teachers: 16	Office Staff: 2
Counselor: 1	Substitute Full/Part-Time: 0
Special Education: 1	M&O (Facilities/Custodial/Kitchen): 4
Para Professionals: 0	Interventionist: 1

Highlights:

Strategic Plan Goal & Pedagogy Implementation:

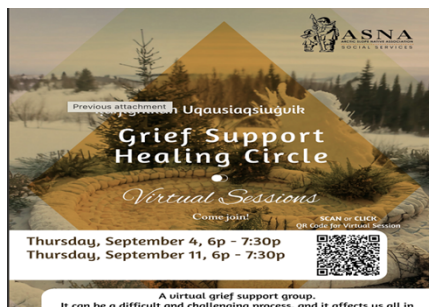
Family & Community Collaboration

Goal 1: Prioritize and implement intentional and purposeful partnerships.

Our Back to School Bash took place on 8/20 in the Trapper School cafeteria. We had a great turnout and enjoyed introducing new staff, fellowshiping with the community, and eating delicious food. We were able to raffle off some prizes and ended the night with karaoke. We are thankful to our friends at ConocoPhillips for donating food and decorations for the event.

We currently have five students participating in dual credit courses through Iḷisaḡvik College.

On August 25th whaling crews left, and we were there to see them off! We prayed with the community for a safe and prosperous hunt. It was a beautiful site, especially for our new staff members. Crew 57 returned on Monday, September 1st and teachers were welcomed to participate as the crew prepared the muktuk.





Culturally Responsive Instruction

Goal 2: All students perform at or above grade level

Goal 3: All students are prepared for their pathway of choice post-high school

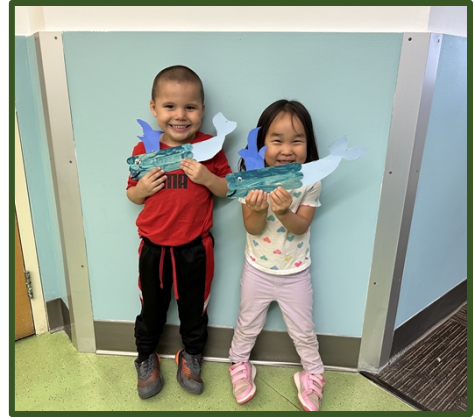
Following suggestions from our community, we decided to create a middle school wing this year, which separates our middle school and high school students. Because of this, middle school students are able to have additional time during the school day to receive targeted interventions in reading and math. We feel this will help students develop academic and social-emotional skills to help them be more successful upon entering high school.

High school students are actively working on their Tumitchiat Sivunmun plans during their advisory period, with support from the counselor, advisory teachers, parents, and community members.

We are making it a priority to decorate the school with photos and artifacts from the community.

Goal 4: Graduate bilingual students

We are incredibly fortunate this year to have both an elementary ILT and a secondary ILT. We welcomed new secondary ILT Mrs. Michelle Ipalook to our staff this year, and her students have already been busy plucking geese in her classroom. Students in grades 8 -12 receive 50 minutes of Inupiaq language instruction each day. Our veteran ILT Bernice is providing 35 minutes of Inupiaq language instruction to students in grades ECE - 7.



Student Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Goal 5: Facilitate & maintain culturally, emotionally, & physically safe learning environments

We are looking forward to our first Fun Friday event of the year on September 26th. Fun Friday is part of our school-wide PBIS initiative and allows students to build positive relationships with adults in the building.

We plan to utilize our calming room this school year for any student who needs time to calm down and decompress during the school day. The calming room is located in the library and contains books, social-emotional learning workbooks, sensory toys, art supplies, and flexible seating designed to help de-escalate students.

Our school counselor, Ms. Danielle, will be conducting individual and group counseling for students with emotional and/or behavioral challenges.

Teachers are using Class Dojo to reinforce positive behaviors in the classroom and common areas of the school. Students receive points for attendance, kindness, and diligence.

Staff Support & Professional Development

Goal 6: Build and sustain a thriving workforce aligned with the mission of this District


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Our Mission: Students who are empowered, culturally rooted, bilingual healthy, critical, creative, life-long learners.

**8/12/25 Site Inservice:** We conducted team building exercises and oriented staff members to building-wide expectations for student and staff behavior.

**8/20/25 Staff Meeting:** We discussed making positive contact with parents prior to the start of the school year.

**8/27/25 Staff Meeting:** Staff completed Bullseye training, and we held a vote for our Building Advisory Group.

Wednesdays will be used throughout the school year for grade-level PLC meetings, all staff meetings, and district PLCs. Teachers will work in groups looking at data to help guide discussion for small group activities, intervention, and cross curricular opportunities in lesson planning



### Financial & Operational Stewardship

Goal 7: Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations

We are working with Kristie Parsons from the state to initiate our needs assessment for our School Improvement Plan. With input from our community, we plan to utilize funds from the School Improvement Grant to prioritize literacy instruction in all grades, as well as attendance and behavior.



### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Battle of the Books**
- **Robotics**
- **Volleyball**
  
- **September 6**
  - **XC Meet @ Palmer**
- **September 8**
  - **“Ask for Help” Suicide Awareness and Prevention tour of the North Slope**
- **September 9**
  - **NSBSD Choir Practice Begins**
- **September 19**
  - **XC Meet @ Barrow**
- **September 24**
  - **Regional XC Meet @ Barrow**
- **October 4**
  - **State XC Meet @ Palmer**
- **October 20 – 24**
  - **Cultural Arts Intensive Classes with Susan Hope**
- **October 28 – 31**
  - **Vaccine Clinic**
- **October 31**
  - **Halloween Community Parade (In the gym)**

