

2023-2024 Legislative Priorities

<p>NWABSD Legislative Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for Alaska’s Public Schools • Recruiting and Retaining Quality Teachers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teacher Housing ○ Defined Benefits ○ Grow-Your-Own Funding • Broadband Capacity and Affordability • Capital Funding for Schools • Support for Language and Culture 	<p>NSBSD Legislative Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$24M to support the rebuild of our burned-down school in Kaktovik • BSA (Base Student Allocation) to be increased to at least reflect inflation. • Funding for culture-based curriculum, including language immersion. • Funding support for student mental and emotional health • State-based initiatives to increase teacher retention. • Improved broadband infrastructure to all North Slope villages.
<p>AASB Where We Stand – Resolutions Aligned with the priorities and direction set by the NSBSD Board of Education</p>	
<p>Governance</p>	
NW	1.8 Compulsory Attendance Age
NW/NS	1.11 Recognition of Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy in the Role of Education
NS	1.13 Land Acknowledgement
<p>Funding</p>	
NW/NS	2.1 Sustained, Reliable and Adequate Educational Funding for Alaska’s Students through a Nonvolatile Funding Source
NW	2.2 Urging Early, Adequate, Equitable, and Predictable Funding of Public Education
NW/NS	2.8 Following the Capital Improvement Project Priority List for Non-Bonded Projects
NW	2.14 Pupil Transportation
NW	2.15 Funding For School District-Operated Regional Boarding Home Programs (IF THIS SUPPORTS ALL RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS)
NW	2.19 Legislative Financial Relief for Ongoing TRS and PERS Employer Rate Increases
NW	2.20 Energy Cost Relief
NW	2.29 Urging the State to Conduct and Fund Facility Condition Surveys for Districts to Support CIP Requests for Major Maintenance and Facility Replacement Projects
NW	2.32 Supporting State Funding for School Meals
NW	2.38 Urging the State of Alaska to Fund Alternative Modes of Transportation for All Districts
NW	2.40 Supporting the Use of Federal Impact Aid by Affected Districts
NW/NS	2.41 Funding for Internet Services (INCREASE TO 100Mbps)
NS	2.55 Requesting Dedicated Funding for School Health Professionals
NW	2.62 Support for The Adoption of Legislation for State-funded Voluntary Early Childhood (Pre-K) Education in Public School Districts
NW/NS	2.64 Base Student Allocation Increase: Making Up for Lost Ground Due to Inflation
<p>Child Advocacy</p>	
NS	3.2 Promoting Student Success through Social and Emotional Learning and Positive Youth Development and Support
NS	3.3 Fetal Alcohol and Drug Exposed Students
NS	3.10 Support of State Funding for Student Health Services in Alaska
NW/NS	3.26 Supporting the Adoption of Trauma-Informed and Culturally Relevant Practices to Improve Student Achievement and Reduce Behavioral Deficits for all Alaskan Students
NS	3.28 Education on the Dangers of Tobacco, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, Marijuana Use and Second Hand Smoke

NS = North Slope Priorities NW = Northwest Arctic Priorities R = Rural Priorities
R/N = Rural, North Slope, and Northwest Priorities

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NS	3.30 Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments for LGBTQ+ Students
Personnel	
NW/NS	4.5 Addressing the Teacher, Specialist, and Administrator Shortage
NW/NS	4.6 Repeal the Social Security Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision
NW/NS	4.7 Relating to Defined Benefit Retirement
NW	4.11 Alternative Pathways to Certify Effective Teachers
NW/NS	4.16 Supporting Effective, Culturally-Integrated Pedagogy in Alaska (RATIONALE NEEDS REWORDING)
NW	4.18 Establishing a New Teacher Incentive Program for Alaska
Education & Programs	
NW/NS	5.3 Alaska Native Indigenous Language Program Development
NS	5.7 Requesting the State to Provide Standards-based Assessments in Alaska Native Indigenous Languages
NW/NS	5.9 Urging Flexibility in Testing Requirements to Support Indigenous Language Programs
NW/NS	5.10 Supporting Universal Access to Education for Alaska's 3- and 4-Year-Old Learners
NW	5.19 Supporting Authentic Assessments
NW/NS	5.28 Supporting the Preservation and Restoration of Alaska Native Indigenous Languages
NW	5.29 Urging a Statewide Annual Alaska Indigenous Language Conference
NS	5.30 Requesting a Thorough Analysis of the Statewide Testing and Accountability System
NW/NS	5.31 Alaska Standards for Culturally-Responsive Schools

NWABSD/NSBSD Common Themes of Priorities

- Base Student Allocation Increase
- Funding Capital Improvement Projects
- Funding Support for Native Language Preservation Initiatives, **including inclusive of culturally responsive curriculum**
- State-Based Teacher Retention Initiatives
- Improved Broadband Infrastructure