NWABSD STRATEGIC PLAN JANUARY 2023 – JUNE 2027



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FOUNDATION STATEMENTS

Mission - To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.

Mission Descriptors

We do this through:

- Traditional Learning cultural and Language
- Succeeding through challenges
- Setting up for success
- Walking along with students
- Preparing students to plan for their futures
- Understanding each has different dreams

Vision - To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.

Vision Descriptors

Needed Skills	Needed Knowledge	Needed Attitudes
Construction	Basic Knowledge	 Responsibility for Communities
Mechanics	 Computers - Technical Readiness 	Respect for Homelands
Teamwork	 Knowledge of Careers 	Respect for Others
Cooperation	Consequences	Work Ethic
Basic Work Skills		Accountability
Communication		Aspiring
 Ready to work – Interview 		
Sled Building		

CORE VALUES

- Respect
- Hard Work
- Cooperation

- Perseverance
- Ability to Adapt
- Belief in yourself

- Learning
- Resilience
- Accountability



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Objective Lead: Superintendent				Budget (Time &
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Money)
1.1.1 Partner with stake holders to strengthen Immersion Inupiaq curriculum through language and culture programs that include goals and actions.	Schools will support the plan with improvement data and ongoing adjustments for continuous improvement. Sign agreements with stakeholders that include goals and actions.	Submit data every quarter Beginning 2 nd semester January 2024	75%	
1.1.2 Connect Curriculum with Cultural Ways and Science Knowledge in a local setting.	 Documentation of partnerships between the school and community. Knowledge bearers in the classroom 	Quarter 1,2,3,4	30%	
1.1.3 Inform all stake holders about the progress of school/community connections	Provide progress report.	Bi-annually in October and March	Feedback and surveys	
Objective 2: Immersion School Program NWABSD will begin an immersion school program startir Objective Lead: Superintendent	ng with PreK level and moving to Kindergarten, 1 st ,	and 2 nd grade progressively t	hroughout the nex	-
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
1.2.1 Assist Iñupiaq Instructors to obtain their certification through the state of Alaska	 Determine NWABSD Eligibility for Alternative Certification Options Identify Coursework and Professional Development. Develop ongoing support, onboarding, and checkpoints for teacher progress. Identify local partnerships to support local context and culturally responsive professional development. Align our system with UA system for cosponsored courses and alternative path consisting of CEUs (budget item). 	System Developed: Spring 2025	0%	Unknown
1.2.2 Train our Iñupiaq Instructors fluently into immersion methods of teaching Iñupiaq	 Identify the path for obtaining fluency Develop a roadmap for fluency progression. Identify screener/assessment for each level. 	System Developed: Spring 2025	2%	Unknown
1.2.3 Provide ongoing professional development for the nupiaq Instructors.	 Identify the path for obtaining fluency Create a roadmap for support. Build sustainability plan for professional development. 	Ongoing	15%	Unknown
Objective 3: Cultural Science Curriculum NWABSD will create a cultural place-based science curric	culum using the traditional Native Ways of Knowin	g and Learning.		
Objective Lead: Superintendent				Budget (Time &
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1.3.1 Develop lessons and activities that align with local traditions and practices utilizing natural resources to make	 Completion of a curriculum map that identifies specific points in the science 	In Progress	50%
the science curriculum more relevant and relatable for all students.	curriculum where local traditions can be incorporated, with consultation from Elders or cultural leaders.		
	2. A minimum of 3 hands-on, project-based activities per semester that engage		
	students with the natural environment (e.g., water quality testing of local rivers, plant identification, or studying local wildlife		
	migration patterns). 3. At least 2 community-based science		
	projects per year that involve students working alongside community members		
	(e.g., collaborative projects with hunters, gatherers, or local environmental experts).		
1.3.2 Incorporate the Iñupiaq language into the curriculum,	 Develop and use vocabulary lists, with both 	In Progress	50%
promoting language preservation and encouraging students	English and Iñupiaq terms, for key science		
to learn and communicate these concepts in their native	concepts. 2. Work with local Iñupiaq language experts or		
tongue.	Elders to integrate traditional stories,		
	phrases, or terminology into science		
	lessons, ensuring students hear and		
	practice lñupiaq in a real-world context.		
1.3.3 Design hands-on, experiential learning opportunities	1. Collaborate with local experts, such as	In Progress	10%
that connect students with the local environment and traditional practices.	hunters, gatherers, or Elders, to guide students in traditional practices while		
	integrating relevant scientific principles like		
	ecology or sustainability.		
	2. Plan field trips or outdoor lessons where		
	students can observe and interact with the		
	local environment.		
1.3.4 Establish community partnerships with local	1. Form a network with local organizations,	In Progress	10%
organizations and tribal councils to support the development	tribal councils, and community leaders to		
and implementation of the curriculum and ensure ongoing	regularly consult on curriculum		
cultural relevance.	development, ensuring cultural relevance and alignment with community values and		
	traditions.		
	2. Meet with Iñupiaq Ilisautri and science		
	teachers twice a year to co-develop and		
	review curriculum, ensuring the integration		
	of traditional knowledge, practices, and cultural relevance.		
1.3.5 Involve local elders as educators and mentors,	1. Present the curriculum to the Elders'	In Progress	10%
recognizing their invaluable role in passing down traditional	Council twice a year for feedback and to		
knowledge.	strengthen local partnerships, ensuring		
	accuracy.		



1.3.6 Empower students to explore and share their own traditional knowledge within the curriculum, creating a learning environment where both the teacher and students contribute to the learning.	1. 2.	Organize an annual "Local Science Showcase" where students present projects that reflect their learning on local traditions, natural resources, and scientific principles, with community members invited to participate. Create opportunities for students to share personal or family stories that connect with the lesson topics, integrating traditional knowledge into classroom discussions and allowing students to take an active role in	In Progress	10%	
		contributing to curriculum development.			



Goal 2: Operational Improvement				
Objective 1: Optimize Business Operations				
The NWABSD will evaluate, scope, and creat	e an implementation plan for integr	ations to streamline and maximiz	e operating software. Compl	etion will support initiatives like the
implementation of a 5-year budget forecast.				
Objective Lead: Director of Administrative Se				
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
2.1.1 Optimize Purchasing system with E-	NWABSD secretaries and	October 2022 until complete,	COMPLETE – February	
Procurement integration with vendors in	administrators will be able to	estimated timeline 3 months.	2023	
Accounting Software (IVisions)	purchase supplies from specific			
	vendor websites through the District's accounting software.			
	This will make purchasing from			
	these vendors much easier and			
	will encumber purchases.			
2.1.2 Integrate Human Resources system	NWABSD staff information will	June 2027 due to staff turnover	20%	
(Frontline Central) with Accounting Software	flow from Human Resources	and training expectations	2070	
(IVisions)	system to accounting software to			
2.1.3 Streamline Adjusting and Budget journal	NWABSD budget authorities will	July 2026	5%	
entries with electronic workflow	be able to submit budget	,		
	transfers and re-code expenses			
	electronically in the District's			
	accounting software instead of on			
	paper.			
2.1.4 Optimize Employee Reimbursement	Employees will be able to submit	July 2026	Partial setup in IVisions	\$4932 to IVisions and an estimated
system utilizing accounting software instead of	for reimbursement of purchases		complete previously, not	3 working days – One for setup, one
DocuSign forms	through IVisions. Meeting with		sure what date. Need to	for documenting process and
	accounting software needed to review options already purchased		complete setup, train staff,	training with staff, one for
	and review anticipated need.		and add to process manual	contingency
2.1.5 Evaluating Staff and Student travel	Policy and procedure for staff	September 2025	50%	
processes and procedures	travel are being updated. Internal	September 2023	50 %	
processes and procedures	processes and paperwork for the			
	business office are being			
	reviewed.			
Objective 2: Standard Operating Procedure D	ocumentation	•		•
The NWABSD will establish written processe		e district to support efficiency ar	nd succession planning.	
Objective Lead: Director of Administrative Se	rvices			
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
2.2.1 Establish where District processes are to	NWABSD Staff members will	June 2027		TBD. This project may have a heavy
be compiled and outlined	have clearly defined processes			lift at first, but once implemented the
	for School District Procedures.			District's Processes will only need to
	These processes will be			be reviewed annually and adjusted
	accessible to all staff and all staff			based on need
	will receive notification about where to find the District's			
	processes and procedures upon			
	being hired.			
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Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
dentify and implement a district-wide eporting system to document student	Build and test MTSS monitoring dashboard.	June 2025	20%	Not to exceed \$10,000
ntervention plans and team meetings.	100% of instructional staff are trained to use the new dashboard.	October 2025	0%	
	90% of student intervention meetings and plans documented.	May 2026	0%	
uild a schedule for principals, teachers, networking teams, and district leaders to	□ 100% of schools with active student intervention teams.	May 2027	30%	N/A
tudent data, intervention effectiveness, nd next steps.	 Scheduled Districtwide professional development reviewing quarterly data. 			
	100% of students at Tier III have Individual Reading Improvement Plans that include a regular review of their student data and intervention adjustments.	t		
	10% reduction of students in Tier III.			
mplement the parent communication plan that includes regular updates on ntervention plans and progress through	100% of Tier II/Tier III K-3 parents are updated every four weeks on their students' progress.	May 2026	50%	N/A (LIT GRAN
neetings, progress reports, and online latforms.	Annual workshops are scheduled to guide parents in supporting student growth outside of school.	1		
Dbjective 2: Positive Behavior Intervent IWABSD will assess and refine the cur Dbjective Lead: Director of Curriculum	ion Supports rent Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) systems, spec	cifically those from Safe	& Civil Schools.	
trategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time a Money)
nnual review and improvement of a chool-wide Positive Behavior	100% of all staff have reviewed schoolwide plans by August 30 th of each school year.	h August 2025		
tervention System to promote onsistent positive behavior.	100% of schools have a written school-wide plan accessible to all students, staff, and parents.			
	100% of all staff have completed a second review and refinement of schoolwide plans by December 10 ^{th of each school year.}			
nnual review and improvement of a ass wide Positive Behavior Intervention	100% of all staff have reviewed class wide plans with Site Administrator by August 20 ^{th of each school year.}	August 2025		
lans to promote consistent positive ehavior.	100% of classrooms have a written class-wide plan accessible to all students, staff, and parents.			



Objective Lead: Director of Student Services					
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metric	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)	
4.1.1 Obtain Grant to receive full funding -Our Youth Positive Vision for Future by 2027	Obtain a grant for to support the training and practice of school counseling in NWABSD	January 2023	100% Completed	Grant for Jan 23-24 to Jan 27-28 Grant total for 5 years=	
4.1.2 Define all potential partnerships for counseling programs	March 2024: Maniilaq and Compassionate Counseling partnerships Sept. 2024: Initiated Behavior Health cooperation/meetings to facilitate counseling services. Release of information for shared programming. January 2025:	January 2027	75% complete		
4.1.3 Establish harm-to-self follow-up protocols, training and tracking data/procedures	Harm to Self or Others protocol or others established and yearly training with principals and counselors. To be completed yearly: 22-23 = yes completed 23-24= yes completed 24-25= yes,completed 25-26 26-27	June 2027	60% complete	June 2027	
4.1.4 Obtain funding for continuation of Programming after funding -Our Youth Positive Vision for Future no longer available.	Grant or general fundings. Sept. 2024: Initiated conversation with Grants regarding timing on potential new grants: Spring 2025: Initial discussions on what use of general funds for counseling services could be worked into site funding. Possible funding options: • Could include counselors as part of the student teacher ratio.	Jan. 2027	40% complete	2027-28 (see funding options)	



	 Or Counselor vs. Assistant principal at larger sites. Or could use Title I and/or IV grant funds and/or Mig. ed funds can be used too. Spring 2026 Spring 2027 			
Objective 2: Trauma-Informed Teaching Practices (T				
NWABSD will implement TITP practices through a train-the- Objective Lead: Director of Student Services	trainer program, including ongoing reinforcement a	nd implementation in the classroom.		
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
4.2.1 Train-the-trainer for Trauma Informed Practices	Obtain Train -the-trainer certification.	Completed Trainer #1 May 2023 Trainer #2 Dec. 2023	100% completed	ESER funds used to train the trainer
4.2.2 Inservice training ongoing yearly through length of this strategic plan	Training completed as evidenced by sign in sheet during beginning of the year in serves and monthly office hours on TEAMS	Aug. 2023 completed all staff Aug. 2024 Completed all staff training during in-service. Aug. 2025 Staff training completed in Aug. Of this school year Aug.2026 Aug. 2027	60%	No cost as we have inhouse trainers
4.2.3 Trauma informed professional Development and supports to be made available to all staff on a yearly basis. Obtain grant funds for yearly presenters on trauma informed teaching practices and/or resiliency and restorative practice PD	FY 23: FY 24: March 2024 Weekly Trauma informed and Resilience Focused Office hours initiated for teachers Sept. Office hours continue and Trauma Informed in-service planned for Oct. 2024 FY 25 Oct. 2024 District-wide professional development with Trauma informed specialist: Linda Chamberline FY 26 FY 27	2024 Grant funds used for Inservice Professional Development. 2025	60%	No cost as we have inhouse trainers Grants: to be determined.



	e growth of students throughout their education		es within the region.	
Objective Lead: Director of the Alaska Technical Strategies and Actions	Center and Director of Curriculum and Instructio	n Completion Date/Timeline	Drogrado	Budget (Time &
5		•	Progress	Money)
5.1.1 Develop overarching plan for complete alignment	Have a timeline and review cycle. FY25- Completed Perkins 4 Year Plan	August 2025	100%	
5.1.2 Design procedure and template for pillar alignment.	Implement pillar template	March 2025	50%	
5.1.3 Assess current CTE Alignments	Organize and identify current CTE courses and Career Technical Education Pathways. Identify deficiencies in pathways and course offerings.	August 2025	30%	
5.1.4 Identify best practices for CTE alignment for NWABSD students.	Review national CTE curricula standards and alignments Compare and examine other CTE institutions pathways with NWABSD pathways	December 2025	30%	
5.1.5 Develop aligned pillars for High School and Adults	 Education Culinary Arts Construction Trades Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Business Process Technology 	December 2027	0%	
Objective 2: Regional Workforce Development NWABSD will develop a plan for ATC to grow alig	unment between offerings and regional workforce	e needs.		
Objective Lead: Director of the Alaska Technical				
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)
5.2.1 Identify regional workforce needs	Complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment for Regional Workforce Development	May 2025	20%	
5.2.2 Map Regional workforce needs assessments	Identify common industry trainings Identify skillsets alignment	September 2025	10%	
5.2.3 Draft regional workforce map	Develop training schedule5	April 2026	10%	
5.2.4 Validate regional workforce map with employers	Regional workforce feedback and revisions	December 2027	0%	



Goal 6: Board Development					
Objective 1: Improve New Board Member Orientation		income and improve an beauting and any			
NWABSD Regional School Board will improve new b	oard member orientation to support board en	neacy and improve onboarding and con	nmunications.		
Objective Lead: Regional School Board Secretary			1 -		
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6.1.1					
6.1.2					
6.1.3					
Objective 2: Executive Committee Planning NWABSD Regional School Board executive committe	ee will meet quarterly to plan for regional stra	tegies and partnerships.			
Objective Lead: President of the Regional School Bo		······································			
Strategies and Actions	Key Indicators/Metrics	Completion Date/Timeline	Progress	Budget (Time & Money)	
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6.2.2					
6.2.3					
Objective 3: Improve Board comprehension of stude NWABSD Regional School Board will monitor and re		Reads Act)			
Objective Lead: Regional School Board Treasurer					
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