

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**NUMBER:** 26-024

**FROM:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Final FY27  
Six-Year Capital  
Improvement Plan

### **ABSTRACT**

Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) School Construction Grant applications for FY 2027 are due September 1, 2025. Board approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priorities is a requirement of the application process.

### **ISSUE**

At issue is Board approval of the final FY27 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

### **BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION**

Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) School Construction Grant applications or score reuse letters for FY 2027 are due by September 1, 2025, and Board approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) priorities is a requirement for submission. The Six-Year CIP is used to prioritize projects and establish the order of construction for District capital improvement projects. The School Board annually updates the Six-Year CIP. The District submits grant applications or score reuse letters for the projects identified for the first year of the plan.

Approval is requested by the Regional School Board for approval of the final Six-Year CIP to be submitted with the score reuse letters. A preliminary list was provided and approved by the board in January 2025 on Memo 25-068. Two changes have been made to the list since that time. First, the Deering K-12 Replacement School project has been increased per DEED's allowable escalation rate of 4%. This increases the cost to approximately \$60,500,000. Second, Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement project has been moved into spot #2 as a score reuse. This means no additional time was spent in preparing a grant application. The match for this project is approximately \$76,540.00.

Attached is a proposed final FY 2027 – FY 2032 Six-Year CIP list that includes a description of the proposed projects, and their anticipated costs at this time.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. JMCC concurrence for Board approval of the final FY27 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as presented.
2. JMCC revisions to the final FY27 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
3. Take no action.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends approval of the final FY27 Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as presented.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Proposed final FY 2027 Six-Year CIP

## FY 27 SIX YEAR CIP AS RECOMMENDED BY JOINT MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
1	B	Deering K-12 Replacement School – new school on new site to replace overcrowded and worn-out facility. The existing site is not large enough to accommodate an addition without removal of the playground and relocating teacher housing off-site. In addition, many building components are beyond their use expectancy.	X	\$60,500,000
2	C	Buckland K-12 School Boiler Replacement – Replacement of Boilers and flues is the final phase of the Buckland HVAC Upgrade. District utilized Borough and Denali Commission funds to upgrade the outdated Buckland HVAC system and DDC controls in Phases I & II.	X	382,700

**FY 2027 TOTAL  
\$60,882,700**

	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in FY 27 – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requirements. They will take priority for FY 28.	X	Balance of FY 27 requests
3	C	Buckland K-12 School Exterior Envelope Renewal- replacement of roofing, doors and windows at the end of their useful life. Replacement of interior floor finishes. A small building addition may be warranted due to projected on-going student growth.	X	\$15,000,000
4	C	June Nelson Elementary School Roof Replacement- Replacement of the failing roof, 21 years past its useful life. The school is experiencing frequent roof leaks that damage interior finishes and contribute to potential mold and structure damage and interfere with instruction.	X	\$4,000,000

**FY 2028 TOTAL  
\$19,000,000 +**

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 29.	X	Balance of FY 28 requests
5	C	Noorvik K-12 School Renewal and Roof Replacement - Renewal of Aqqulak Noorvik School to replace building components at the end of useful life, and replacement of roof which reached the end of its useful life in 2022.	☒	\$12,500,000

**FY 2029 TOTAL  
\$12,500,000 +**

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 30.	X	Balance of FY 29 requests
6	C	Kiana K-12 School Renewal – Renewal of Kiana K-12 School to replace building components at the end of useful life.	☒	\$10,500,000

**FY 2030 TOTAL  
\$10,500,000 +**

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 31.	X	Balance of FY 30 requests
7	C	June Nelson Elementary School Renewal. Replacement of building components at the end of useful life. Project will also include replacement of flooring and special electrical systems in Kotzebue Middle High School.	3	\$12,500,000

**FY 2031 TOTAL  
\$12,500,000 +**

District Priority	Primary Purpose	Project Title & Description	SOA Aid	Estimated Project Cost
		Projects not funded in previous years – It is anticipated resources will not be available to fund all requested requirements. They will take priority for FY 32.	X	Balance of FY 31 requests
8	C	Ambler K-12 School Renewal – Renewal of Ambler K-12 School to replace building components at the end of useful life.	☒	\$10,000,000
9	C	Shungnak K-12 School Renewal – Renewal of Shungnak K-12 School to replace building components at the end of useful life.	☒	\$10,000,000

**FY 2032 TOTAL  
\$20,000,000+**

Adopted August 26, 2025, at a duly convened meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District at which a quorum was present and voting. I hereby certify that the information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Superintendent

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School Board President

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