

From: **Jamie Burgess** <jburgess@nomeschools.org>

Date: Sun, Apr 5, 2026 at 3:28 PM

Subject: Re: Notice of Facility Transition – ANSEP Acceleration Academy (Nome)

To: Jared Brandner <jbrandner@alaska.edu>

Cc: Amanda Block <aablock@alaska.edu>, Kacey Miller <kacey.miller@alaska.edu>

Hello Jared - this is disappointing news. I believe having ANSEP on our campus was one of our priorities to assist in keeping our students feeling part of the NBMHS student body. May I ask what was the driver in making this decision? Neither myself nor Ms. Smith were informed as to any concerns which we might have been able to address. We did invest a significant amount of time and some expenses in making the space available to you.

We do have some concerns going forward for students who wish to attend/return to ANSEP for the coming year, and were wondering if these were being presented to the families of those students in your outreach efforts. I will be sharing your letter and my response to our school board for our April meeting as well, and I'd like to see if perhaps a follow-up meeting might be arranged to address some of these shown below:

- 1) No access to breakfast/lunch programs for students
- 2) No opportunity to participate in Student Government or NNYLO - students not regularly on our campus cannot be asked to represent their student body, and the meetings for these are held during lunch.
- 3) Reduced or eliminated access to the following classes and/or clubs: Ed Rising, Drama, Spirit and NHS (clubs), CTE and Fine Arts classes, assemblies and student recognition
- 4) Overall connectedness to the student body at NBMHS
- 5) Discipline issues being shifted to ANSEP staff or trying to coordinate with Beltz admin.
- 6) Shift to six period day for FY27 and possible changes in graduation requirements.

Thank you in advance for your time.

On Tue, Mar 31, 2026 at 4:30 PM Jared Brandner <jbrandner@alaska.edu> wrote:

Dear Superintendent Burgess,

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Alaska Anchorage and Nome Public Schools, this correspondence serves as formal written notice that the Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) will no longer require use of Nome Public Schools' facility space beyond May 31, 2026.

ANSEP has secured alternative space for the 2026-27 academic year and will be relocating its Nome Acceleration Academy operations to the UAF Northwest Campus. Accordingly, our use of NPS facilities will conclude at the end of the current lease term.

ANSEP's Nome Site Director, Kacey Miller, will coordinate directly with your team to ensure an orderly and timely transition, including move-out logistics and any necessary closeout procedures. This will include coordinating with ACS to remove the ANSEP-installed server and associated Wi-Fi equipment from the facility.

While ANSEP will not require facility space at NPS next year, we remain committed to our broader partnership with Nome Public Schools. We look forward to continuing our collaboration and to growing ANSEP programming opportunities for students in Nome.

Please let me know if there are any specific requirements or processes we should follow as part of the transition.

Thanks,

Jared Brandner

Chief Financial Officer

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