

You will note that some of the information in the Superintendent's Report looks familiar. Because we sent out a "Weekly Board Update" every Friday some important information may be repeated. I prefer to over communicate than not communicate enough. The information in the Superintendent's Report also provides the public information that they may not otherwise receive.

*Alak School Calendar Update – Liz Noble + Calendar.

We continue to monitor the COVID conditions in our schools. Because the conditions are changing daily as well as the "level of risk" (Green, Yellow, and Red). I will give you a verbal update on September 9th. As you know the Board packet is prepared several days prior to the meeting, so conditions are likely to change between the time of writing this (August 30th) and the Board Meeting.

The Superintendent posting has been completed and sent to the Alaska Association of School Board (AASB) and will go live on September 7th. As mentioned in a previous "Weekly Board Update," one of the original dates needed to be changed due to a scheduling conflict with AASB. The selection of the finalist has been changed from November 5th to October 26th.

On October 25th, David Camp, Fadil Limani, and myself met to consider an internal change to Human Resources (HR) and business operations. Past practice has HR doing functions that would normally be handled by the business office. Currently HR handles accounting for retirement, namely making certain that Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and Teacher Retire System (TRS) deductions are consistent with State law and time worked. In processing payroll, the business would also look at PERS/TRS resulting in duplications. In order to streamline the process, PERS/TRS accounting will be moved to the business office. Fadil, David and myself all agreed that this (while minor) was a good change.

On Tuesday, August 31st, the Legislative Committee consisting of Qaiyaan Harcharek, Robyn Burke, Fadil Limani, and myself met and was presented a legislative update by Christine Hess and Reggie Joule. The presentation was very informative and useful. We then reviewed new resolutions provided by AASB, considered sun setting resolutions, and reviewed AASB's "Where We Stand," setting the groundwork for discussion at the work session for Board approval during the September 9th regular meeting. This is in Board preparation for the Rural Caucus at AASB's Annual Conference to set legislative priorities for rural communities across the state.

Superintendent Carlson and Mayor Harry Brower Jr., met on Monday, Aug 30th. The meeting was primary a "meet and greet." The meeting went well, and we agreed to meet again sometime in the near future.

You will note in the action items is a memo from Curriculum & Instruction Director Liz Noble regarding a calendar change for Alak School in Wainwright. As explained in the memo, because of construction issues and COVID restrictions, Alak School needed to delay the opening from August 12th to August 19th. Because the delays were unforeseen, the staff arrived and began work as was previously planned. In order to fulfill BP 6111, School Calendar, it is necessary to add two student contact days, Saturday, November 6th and Saturday, November 20th. Also as noted in Director Noble's memo, the addition of those two days will add two days of compensation for the staff.