

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: January 22, 2024

NUMBER:

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

ATTENDANCE:

The district attendance rate as of 12/20/24 is 81.70% with Kobuk leading with 90.99%.

Categories	Percent Attendance
Regular Attendance	95%-100%
At-Risk Attendance	90%-94.9%
Chronic Absence	80%-89.9%
Severe Chronic Absence	80% and below

K-12 Attendance

8/20/24 - 12/20/24

Ambler School	84.01%
Buckland School	87.70%
Deering School	89.38%
Kiana School	79.88%
Kisimigiutug School	63.03%
Kobuk School	90.99%
June Nelson Elementary	84.41%
Kotzebue Middle/High School	81.75%
Napaaqtugmiut School	81.76%
Aqqaluk High/Noorvik Elementary	82.70%
Davis-Ramoth School	78.64%
Shungnak School	83.03%
NWABSD Home School	100.00%
District	81.70%

Attendance Committee:

District Attendance Committee Data and Initiatives

The Attendance Committee has gathered significant data on student absences within our district. Currently, 31% of our students are identified as having severe chronic absences. Of particular concern is the 12th grade, which shows the highest percentage of chronic absences at 44%.

Current Statistics

Out of the 1940 students in our district, 615 have missed at least 9 days of school as of today, Day 87 of the school year. This translates to a substantial portion of our student body facing issues with consistent attendance.

Initiatives and Efforts

In response to these alarming numbers, we are collaborating with the superintendent to develop and implement class and school Initiatives to reduce absenteeism. These initiatives are designed to motivate students to attend school more regularly and to engage both students and teachers positively and constructively.

Future Data and Reporting

We are committed to monitoring the situation closely and will continue to gather and analyze attendance data. Our goal is to provide the board with updated statistics and the effectiveness of our initiatives. We are hopeful that these efforts will yield a significant improvement in student attendance across the district.

ENROLLMENT:

As of January 6, 2025, the K-12's current enrollment is 1827, a decrease of 20 students since November's report.

PreK – 12th grade enrollment is 1940, a decrease of 21 students since November's report.

SCHOOL	PK3	PK4	KG	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	12TH	TOTAL
ABL	0	8	4	6	6	3	5	4	4	4	9	3	1	2	4	63
BKC	2	12	18	14	20	16	18	17	16	16	20	17	15	13	19	233
DRG	1	6	2	2	5	4	3	7	0	4	4	3	4	3	5	53
IAN	1	5	4	10	8	7	4	5	8	10	5	4	9	5	6	91
KVL	0	2	5	10	8	8	8	19	14	11	13	13	12	13	13	149
OBU	0	3	3	2	3	0	7	2	4	4	3	5	4	0	2	42
KMHS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	46	46	47	28	42	38	295
HSCH	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	3	3	9	4	3	30
JNES	6	37	49	45	47	48	29	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	305
WTK	0	6	19	12	15	10	5	12	10	7	9	16	15	6	18	160
ORV	1	9	13	10	17	13	25	18	19	19	14	9	14	9	10	200
WLK	1	9	18	11	20	19	16	18	18	25	12	22	18	21	23	251
SHG	1	3	4	5	8	4	5	5	7	7	3	4	2	3	7	68

Travel:

December 2024

Site visits to Buckland and Noorvik – Met with high school students about their plans for the future and talked about the importance of our values. Met with staff for a meet and greet and to answer questions. Attended either an ASC meeting or Community meet and greet to answer questions. I visited all classrooms and had multiple conversations with the principals.

Superintendent's upcoming out-of-district travel request

- April 14/15, 2025 U.S. Dept. of Ed. Office of Indian Education Washington DC
- April 16/17, 2025 Lobbying visits to other Federal Offices in DC

Terri Walker, Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: January 22, 2025

NUMBER: 25-066

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of
Superintendent's Out-of-
District Travel

ABSTRACT:

Superintendent's out-of-district travel requires Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Request for Out-of-District Travel by the Superintendent

Upcoming Travel Dates:

- April 14/15, 2025, U.S. Dept. of Ed. Office of Indian Education Washington DC
- April 16/17, 2025, Lobbying visits to other Federal Offices in DC

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented;
2. Do not approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.