

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 26, 2025

NUMBER: 26-026

FROM: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Acceptance of DEED
FY26 Funding Districtwide
Fire System Replacement,
6 Sites

ABSTRACT

Acceptance of award of FY26 funding from the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites by the School Board is required to advance the project.

ISSUE

At issue is acceptance of funding and commitment of match for the Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites and delegation of authority to the Superintendent for this work.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has awarded a grant to the District for the above noted project. Project includes the replacement of fire alarm panels at six schools. Shungnak will get a new fire alarm system and a new sprinkler system. Schools involved are Ambler, Buckland, June Nelson, KMHS, Noorvik, and Shungnak. Total project costs is \$6,612,840.

Noorvik School's fire alarm system was replaced this past spring, so the physical work is complete. Funding wise, Noorvik is part of this grant. Borough committed \$455,000 to replace Noorvik's system in August 2024. That funding counts toward the match for this grant.

In an attempt to secure the remaining local match, a grant application was submitted to Representative Nick Begich's office this spring for FY26 Congressional Directed Spending. The Representative has inserted the request into funding bills, but we will not know if funding passed until this fall. If funded, it will cover the vast majority of the remaining match.

Project will complete design and bid by early 2026. Construction will begin in Spring 2026 and will continue into Summer 2027.

To move forward, the Superintendent needs Board approval to accept the grant award, commitment of the additional match funding, and the delegation of authority to manage the project.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Accept the state grant funding of \$5,290,272, commit an additional amount not to exceed \$867,568 in local match for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites, and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project, as presented.

2. Do not accept the state grant funding of \$5,290,272, commit an additional amount not to exceed \$867,568 in local match for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project, as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends the Board accept the state FY26 grant funding of \$5,290,272, commit an additional amount not to exceed \$867,568 in local match for Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites, and delegation of authority to the Superintendent to manage the project, as presented.

ATTACHMENT

Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites Budget

Date Stamp: August 12, 2025

Districtwide Fire System Replacement, 6 Sites Budget

Admin (District)	\$267,726.00
Site Investigation	\$0.00
Design	\$535,453.00
CM-In-house	\$0.00
Construction	\$5,354,526.00
FFE	\$80,318.00
Technology	\$0.00
Art	\$0.00
Contingency	\$267,726.00
Construction Mng Consult	\$107,091.00
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	\$6,612,840.00

School Construction Grant	\$5,290,272.00
BOROUGH-DIRECT APPROPRIAT	455,000
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$867,568.00
Other Sources	0
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	\$6,612,840.00

FY26 DEED grant 26-005
Borough Contribution Resolution 24-32,
Board Funding Acceptance Memo 25-017

Local share - Memo 26-XXX