

Superintendent's Report

January 2025

Capital Improvement Projects

We have received the 100% submittal drawings and cost estimates for two significant projects: the PHS/MMS roof replacement and the PHS administrative renovation.

- **PHS/MMS Roof Replacement:** \$3,072,631 (\$53/sq. ft.)
- **PHS Administrative Renovation:** \$602,248 (\$250.94/sq. ft.)

The next step is to advertise both projects for a 21-day bid period. The remaining steps in the bidding process include:

- **21-day advertising period**
- **10-day bid protest period**
- **5-day contract negotiation period**

Professional Development

On Monday, January 6th, the teaching staff participated in a professional development session led by our Corwin consultant, Yana. The session focused on practicing strategies outlined in the *Teacher Clarity Playbook*. Feedback from teachers indicated this year's professional development has been the most impactful they've experienced.

Teachers are actively engaging with their standards, translating them into student-friendly language, and integrating our staff-developed learning dispositions of what it means to be a Petersburg Learner. This work is supported by the three-year *Raising the Bar for Alaska's Schools Grant* (RTBAK).

On a positive note, Petersburg is gaining recognition in the educational world. Superintendent Taylor has been invited to present the district's work in Washington, DC this summer alongside Corwin and the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET). Additionally, Petersburg is featured in NIET's 25th-anniversary report, [Building Educator Excellence: 25 Years of Impact](#), highlighting our district's innovative and effective educational practices. This success is a testament to former Superintendent Erica Kludt Painter's pursuit of the RTBAK grant and the dedication of our educators and administrators, who continuously strive to better support our students.

Legislation

The legislative season is underway, 80+ bills and joint resolutions have been pre-filled so far. Representative Rebecca Himschoot recently hosted a Julebaking event. There Representative Himschoot emphasized the importance of participation in advocating for educational funding during the legislative session. Parents are strongly encouraged to provide testimony at the scheduled event on Monday, January 27th.

Link to [Alaska State Legislature pre-filled bills and joint resolutions](#).

Key Education Issues to Watch:

<u>HB</u> <u>9</u>	SCHOOLS: FUNDING; DISABILITY SERVICES	"An Act relating to education; relating to funding for charter schools; and relating to services for children with disabilities."
<u>HB</u> <u>12</u>	FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	"An Act relating to free breakfast and lunch in public schools."
<u>HB</u> <u>28</u>	TEACHERS/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN PRGRM	"An Act establishing a student loan repayment pilot program; and providing for an effective date."
<u>HB</u> <u>29</u>	SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSUR	"An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB</u> <u>3</u>	AUTHORIZE HANDGUNS SCHOOL EMPLOYEE/VOLUNT	"An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards, training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds; relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans."
<u>SB</u> <u>5</u>	SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSUR	"An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB</u> <u>6</u>	ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER PROGRAM	"An Act requiring education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders."
<u>SB</u> <u>8</u>	EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HEARING IMPAIRED	"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing."

<u>SB 18</u>	COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	"An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB 20</u>	CPR CURRICULUM	"An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB 22</u>	FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS	"An Act establishing a financial literacy education program for public schools; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB 23</u>	CIVICS EDUCATION	"An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB 27</u>	TEACHERS & PUB EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS	"An Act relating to restoration of tenure for certain disabled individuals; relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."
<u>SB 28</u>	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.	"An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

Upcoming Dates:

January 23-25	MMS Wrestling @ Wrangell PHS Basketball 3rd Annual JV Jamboree
January 27th	Regular School Day (new)
Jan 30-Feb 1	PHS Basketball @ Lumen Christi
February 5th	Policy committee meeting 3:30 District Office
February 7-8	Basketball vs. Metlakatla
February 11th	Budget Committee meeting 6:00 p.m. PHS Library
February 14-15	PHS Basketball @ Haines
February 17th	President's Day- No School for Student/Teacher Inservice
February 18th	School Board meeting 6:00 PHS Library
February 21-22	PHS Basketball @ Wrangell
February 27-28	Parent Teacher Conferences- Early Out Elementary
March 4th-8th	Basketball & Cheer Regionals @ Ketchikan
March 9th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 7th-16th	Spring Break
March 18th	School Board Meeting 6:00 PHS Library
March 20th	Policy Committee Meeting 3:30 District Office
March 25th	Budget WorkSession 6:00 PHS Library
March 26th	Wellness Committee Meeting 3:30 PHS Library