

Superintendent's Report

March 2025

Capital Improvement Projects

The PHS/MMS Roof Replacement and PHS Administrative Renovation project received a single bid from CBC Construction. As of this writing, we are in the 10-day protest period. Barring any challenges, we plan to finalize the contract with CBC during the week of March 17th.

National Superintendent Certification – Session 2

At the beginning of March, I attended the AASA School Superintendents East Cohort Session 2 training in New Orleans. This three-day session focused on key leadership areas, including effective school board relations, communication, strategic planning, risk management, organizational culture, excellence in leadership, and cybersecurity.

Three Alaska superintendents are currently participating in the East Cohort, and we had the privilege of celebrating the graduation of five additional Alaska superintendents from the West Cohort, who successfully presented their second-year capstone projects. The professional development and collegial discussions during this training have been invaluable.

Budget Update

On Wednesday, House Bill 69 passed in the House with a 24-16 vote and has now moved to the Senate. The bill includes a \$1,000 increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and introduces policy changes related to open enrollment, reading incentives, and cell phone restrictions.

District administration is continuing to develop the 2025-2026 budget based on current statutory requirements and fiscal realities. A draft budget will be presented at the Budget Work Session on March 25th.

Advocacy Efforts

The Alaska Council of School Administrators Legislative Fly-In will take place in Juneau from March 29th to April 2nd. This year, Heather Conn, Shannon Baird, and I will attend to advocate for educational funding and key policy issues impacting our schools.