

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: June 6, 2023

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Terri Walker reports on the following,

ATTENDANCE:

The district's attendance rate for the first week of school from 8/9/22 to 5/10/23 is 79.17%. 78.89%. Deering is our high at 85.64%, followed by Buckland and JNES.

ENROLLMENT: Current enrollment as of May 8, 2023

K-12's current enrollment is 1886, a decrease of 29 students since last reported.

PreK – 12 enrollment is 1944, a decrease of 28 students over last month.

Deering Site Visit: April 13, 2023 – Met with ASC and community concerning the application of the new school project, where we are at, and listened to feedback provided. An application will be put to the department on their CIP list for consideration again this year.

Selawik Site Visit: April 14, 2023 – Met with ASC and community about the direction to take with the grant application proposal to the State. Details are in Kathy Christie's report.

Events Attended:

Alaska Native Language Summit April 27, 2023

Graduations attended – Noatak, Buckland, Noorvik, Selawik, and Kotzebue.

ASLI (Alaska School Leadership Institute) Anchorage, May 24-26, 2023. I attended along with 18 other district leaders made up of directors, principals, teachers and instructional aides. The sessions focused on Collective Efficacy, Leading Literacy Instruction, and maximizing teacher collaboration. The session I attended was on Collective Efficacy and how educator beliefs impact student learning. A shared belief that teachers can make a significant contribution to raising student achievement and make an educational difference for all students is the mindset we want to work towards.

REC/ILC (Regional Elders Council/Inupiaq Language Commission) joint letter and Resolution to NWABSD (see attached) urging the Northwest Arctic Borough School District to increase student/youth participation in elder and youth regional and statewide functions. I will respond and get a list of all the upcoming functions they request student presence and look at the budget to see which ones we can support students to attend.