

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members **DATE:** August 25, 2025
NUMBER: Worksession #
FR: Office of the Superintendent **SUBJECT:** State & Federal Programs Report

Joy Cogburn-Smith, Director of State & Federal Programs, reports on the following:

State of Alaska Grants

Title Grant Consolidated application, which includes Title I, Title II, Migrant Education, and Title IV, is still in revision, awaiting final allocations and rollover funding. Once those funds are finalized and loaded into the GMS, the final application and budgets will be completed and submitted to the state for approval. All grants were substantially approved as required by June 30th

Grant Management

The FY26 Grants Overview report will be presented at the next board meeting after reallocations and the Alaska Department of Education finalizes carryover amounts, providing a better picture of available funding.

Action Items

Alaska Humanities Forum MOA

Alaska Humanities Forum (AKHF) will continue to facilitate and oversee major components of the New Alaska Native Education Ilisautri Project, including managing the cultural Immersion (Culture Camp/Orientation) for new teachers, 2 gatherings in Kotzebue for C3 educators each year of the grant, and Partnership Meetings. This includes arranging and paying for travel costs associated with these activities. The total cost of these services, including partial salary/benefits for the AKHF C3 Program Director, Manager, and Coordinator, is \$612,562.06 for the 2025-2026 grant year (08/01/2025 to 07/31/2026)

Fully funded by grant fund 365 ANE C3 Ilisautri Project

Karen McCain of McCain Services Addendum

Karen McCain of McCain Services serves as Project Evaluator for the District's Federal Grants. In addition to finding grant opportunities and assisting the district in writing grant proposals, her duties include evaluating and overseeing existing federal grant projects, data entry, and completing all required Federal Performance Reports. The amended MOA, which includes travel, is for a total of \$202,327.17

The grants Karen McCain assists the district in managing for the FY26 school year total approx. \$5,934,554.00. Her outside evaluator costs for those grants equals 3.42%

Funding: The general fund (\$15,000 for grant writing services) and the remainder are fully funded through grants for her services as an outside evaluator.

Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) Purchase of Services

Each school year, middle school students across the district participate in the Middle School Academy through the University of Alaska Anchorage's Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP). The cost includes salaries, benefits, services, airfare, and supplies, totaling \$160,000 for 54 students.

Acceleration Academy for up to 20 students; Acceleration Academy (Full-Time) is a full school day opportunity during the academic year. Students in grades 9 through 12 take free University courses and earn three years of college credits towards any degree by high school graduation. The cost includes tuition and fees for up to 20 students for \$60,000.

ANSEP STEM Ready Academy our fifth-grade students with engagement in hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) career exploration projects. These sessions are school district-specific. The cost includes salaries, benefits, services, and supplies for up to 30 students for \$30,000.

Total \$250,000

Funding: Native Youth in Action (NYIA) Fund 354

National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) MOA

Year 1 of a five-year partnership with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) to deliver comprehensive professional learning, leadership training, and instructional coaching across the district, with a total cost of \$165,000 for FY26

Overview of Services

- District Systems Support: On-site and virtual coaching with NIET specialists to implement best practices in instructional excellence, leadership, curriculum alignment, and teacher leadership.
- Strategic Consulting: Development of a district-wide literacy plan with guidance from senior NIET leaders, tailored to district needs.
- Teacher & Leader Training: Sessions on analyzing student work to inform instruction, strengthening school-based instructional leadership teams, and designing effective professional learning structures to support NWABSD's Multi-Tiered System of Supports System (MTSS)
- Embedded School Support: Multi-day, on-site coaching for each school to integrate NIET training into daily teaching and leadership practices.

Funding: Comprehensive State Literacy Grant (CLSD) Fund 305 and Quality Schools

Safe & Civil Schools MOA

Safe & Civil Schools (Ancora Publishing) consultant Susan Isaacs will continue to work with the district to enhance positive behavior strategies and support at all sites. This initiative includes training and materials to implement PBIS effectively across the district. Total expenditure not to exceed \$196,000

Funding: General Fund (\$98,000) and Title 1 Professional Development Set Aside Fund 267 (\$98,000)