

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: June 3, 2025

NUMBER: 25-161

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of
Superintendent's Out-of-
District Travel

ABSTRACT:

Superintendent's out-of-district travel requires Board approval.

ISSUE:

At issue is to approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Request for Out-of-District Travel by the Superintendent

Upcoming Travel Dates:

April/May 2025

LSAIL – Literacy Screener for Alaska Indigenous Languages, Anchorage April 30, 2025

Three groups representing three tribes, Tlingit, Yupik, and Iñupiaq met at the AK Native Heritage Center to work on the development of Native Language assessment tools. The Department of Education partnered with the University of Oregon to assist with the development of this assessment tool. Before the end of the day, there was a share out for what was accomplished. Our group worked on level on words that consisted of two-three syllables. For higher level assessments, there will be a need to write passages in the language to use for assessment.

Alaska Native Language Summit, Anchorage May 1, 2025

Throughout this one-day summit, the purpose was to find inspiration, make new connections, and collaborate on ideas that will continue to grow our language development beyond this day. This was a time for dialogue, celebration, and determination—a time to reflect and act. Topics in the breakout session included health and healing initiatives associated with language loss, bilingualism and pedagogical approaches, curriculum sharing stations, community support and language programs, language policy, and individual language development. I have attached a couple documents currently in progress, the draft Alaska Native Strategic Planning Topics and the Alaska Native Language Literacy Guidebook for your review.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented;
2. Do not approve the Superintendent's request for out-of-district travel as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the Superintendent's request for out-off-