MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: March 7, 2024

NUMBER: Worksession

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Indian Education Committee Discussion

Joy Cogburn-Smith, Director of State & Federal Programs

During a session at the National Indian Education Conference, I learned that because our Regional Board is more than 50% Alaskan Native, the board can serve as the district's JOM/Indian Education Committee to approve the district's Indian Education and JOM applications each school year.

I propose this change starting with the 2024-2025 school year. Having a board committee act as the Indian Education Committee will streamline our application process, standardize the processes and focus our application with more meaningful feedback.

During a to-be-determined Fall and Spring School Board meeting each school year, we would hold two Indian Education Committee meetings. The committee would undergo a yearly committee organization process, receive updates on the district's educational programs, and make a list of priorities for the district's applications. In the spring, the committee will review and approve the district's JOM and Indian Education applications.

During the first school year (2024-2025), an additional meeting would need to be held with just the committee's board members to finalize NWABSD's Indian Education Committee By-Laws required to comply with Title VI Indian Education regulations.

Proposed Committee: 8 Members

(a) Four Committee Members from the School Board
(b) One At-Large Teacher or Counselor Representative*
(c) One At-Large Student Representative (must have tribal affiliation) *
(d) One At- Large Tribal Representative*
(e) One At-Large Parent Representative*

*Will be nominated by local ASCs and will be appointed to serve for a length of term specified by the Indian Education Committee by-laws.

BP 8200 Powers and Duties (Advisory School Councils) would require an update to align with the new committee process.