

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 25, 2025

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Deborah Lancaster, Director of Curriculum and Instruction reports on the following:

Goal 3: Instructional Support

Since July 1, the Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) Department has been actively preparing for three major Inservice sessions:

1. **Principals' Inservice** – Held July 28 to August 1.
2. **New Teacher and Classified Staff Inservice** – Conducted August 4 to 8, including virtual sessions for secretaries, food service staff, and principal support for secretaries and food service (meal count, etc).
3. **All Staff Inservice** – Took place virtually August 11 to 14.

In parallel, the C&I team coordinated the shipment of instructional support materials to each village. These shipments included Tier II and Tier III resources, manipulatives, and general school supplies. Each site received at least two pallets of materials. This effort also involved preparing space for the Tier I (Universal) resources ordered last spring, which are scheduled to arrive by barge in August. Once received, these Tier I materials will be inventoried, sorted, and shipped to each site.

To support the **Safe and Civil Schools Refresh**, staff attended the Safe and Civil Schools Summer Conference in Portland. The conference provided updates on CHAMPS, Foundations programs and a refresh on the STOIC screening method. Staff returned with renewed enthusiasm and integrated these strategies into Inservice presentations. Explicit and focused instruction of the Big 5 has been interwoven into all student learning presentations across the departments. Notably, expert Susan Isaacs met with principals and will visit school sites in September and October to support classroom-level implementation through CHAMPS and school-wide practices via Foundations. All curriculum programs will align with the STOIC framework to enhance instructional practices.

Staff Updates

- **Kim Addington** has joined **Jacob Ray** as Staff Development Specialists under the Literacy Grant. They will plan, implement and evaluate the Family Literacy Nights across the district.
- **Dr. Sable Marandi** is the new Homeschool Principal.
- **Nedra Jones** will serve as the Program and Staff Development Specialist.

Additional Curriculum Highlights

- **Inupiaq Curriculum:** Inupiaq teachers met with Superintendent Walker during the August 14 Inservice.
- **Pre-Kindergarten Programs:** All campuses now host preschool classrooms, with JNES having two. Plans are underway to provide professional development for Pre-K teachers using Teaching Strategies.
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE):** Principals will soon receive applications for the ANSEP accelerated learning program. Classes are expected to begin in October.
- **Curriculum Review Cycle:** A committee will be formed in the coming weeks to begin the curriculum review and purchase cycle.

<i>Curriculum Area</i>	<i>Curriculum Review</i>	<i>Purchase Textbooks & Materials</i>	<i>Implementation</i>
Inupiaq Physical Science, Biology, and Environmental Science	2020-2025	Spring 2022-25 (Development)	2023-2026
Math	2023-2024	Spring 2024	2024-2025
Social Studies/Health	2025-2026	Spring 2026	2026-2027
Science K-8, HS Physics & Chemistry	2025-2026	Spring 2026	2026-2027
English Language Arts 7-12	2029-2030	Spring 2029	2030-2031
English Language Arts K-6	2029-2030	Spring 2029	2030-2031

- **SolarWinds Help Ticket System:** Continues to support staff with technical needs.