

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: August 28, 2026

NUMBER: 27-020

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of
payment to the University of
Alaska Anchorage for 2026-
2027 ANSEP

ABSTRACT:

Board approval is required for contracts that exceed \$50,000.

ISSUE:

At issue is the Board's approval for the payment of services to the University of Alaska Anchorage for the ANSEP Middle School Academy (\$370,000), Acceleration Academy (\$75,000), and STEM Ready (\$30,000) in the amount not to exceed \$475,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

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 \$370,000 for 95 students.

Acceleration Academy for up to 20 students; Acceleration Academy (Full-Time) is a full-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 \$75,000.

ANSEP STEM Ready Academy engages our fifth-grade students with 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.

Funding: Native Youth in Action (NYIA) Fund 354

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of payment to the University of Alaska Anchorage for ANSEP Services not to exceed \$475,000, as presented.
2. Disapproval of payment to the University of Alaska Anchorage for ANSEP Services not to exceed \$475,000, as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends board approval of payment to the University of Alaska Anchorage for Middle School Academy costs for a total of \$475,000