

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: September 29, 2026

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Safety, Suspensions, Board and ASC
Elections

Jeff Alexander, Assistant Superintendent reports on the following:

SAFETY

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention – The training on De-escalation Basics for CPI was conducted on September 8, 2026. This program is an online training that gives our staff members the skills to handle all types of situations that may arise in a school setting with students. Joe Groves, Aletha Duchene, and I are all certified CPI instructors for the district. The three of us will train CPI leaders in each village to act as Nonviolent Crisis Prevention mentors to assist other staff members at each site. The additional training for these mentors will be completed later this fall.

As of September 11, 2026, all of the mandatory trainings have been assigned. Several courses that we require are online and we continue to monitor the progress of our staff members. We monitor the progress every couple of weeks and send out reminders to our staff to complete these trainings before the deadlines.

We have ordered replacement buckets and missing supplies for all of our Emergency Buckets. Every classroom should have an updated emergency bucket as soon as they are delivered. The emergency buckets allow our teachers to lockdown a classroom with the ability to provide all essential needs for each student for extended emergencies. In the event an overnight stay is necessary, the students and teachers could stay in the classroom until the emergency is cleared by authorities.

I have started doing my safety inspections at sites this year. I have completed three sites: Noorvik, Kiana, and Kivalina. I use the Checklist provided by our insurance company, APRA. I also check for emergency flip charts, emergency buckets, batteries and updated pads in the AED's, dates on the naloxone that is used for emergency overdoses, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, clear and identifiable exits, and other safety issues. Once a deficiency is identified, we work as quickly as possible to rectify the problem.

ELECTIONS

BOARD ELECTIONS and ASC ELECTIONS are both set for October 6, 2026. The principals are working hard to prepare for the ASC Elections at each site. All polling sites have been established and elections officials selected. They are busy creating ballots and preparing for the election.

September Activities:

1. Candidates must have their declarations completed and turned into the Superintendent's office by September 14th
2. Confirm official candidates with the office of the Superintendent
3. By September 17th complete and post a "Sample Ballot ASC Elections" clearly marked
SAMPLE BALLOT

October Activities:

1. First Tuesday of October – conduct the election (October 6th, 2026)
2. Voting will be from 8am to 8pm
3. Election Committee Chairperson is responsible for obtaining all supplies for the election

After elections:

1. Count the Ballots
 - a. Background Check for potential winners
 - b. Write-in Candidates
 - c. Tie Vote Procedure
 - d. Recount Procedure
2. Send "unofficial results" to the District Office
3. After All ballots are counted and verified, and background check is received from Human Resources:
 - a. Complete and post the "Certified Summary Sheet of ASC Election – Public Notice"
 - b. Send the "Certified Summary Sheet of ASC Election – Public Notice" to the office of the Superintendent
4. All new ASC members take the "ASC Oath of Office" at the first ASC meeting following the certification of results

SUSPENSIONS

Listed below are the out of school suspensions for our district and the reasons for the suspensions. The number of days vary with considerations for number of offenses and severity of the offenses. The majority of offenses are one day suspensions. We have a Discipline Chart on pages 49-52 of our student handbooks that the principals use as a guide:

1. Tobacco/Vaping – 3 Offenses
2. Hitting/Fighting – 4 Offenses
3. Insubordination/Racial Slur/Profanity – 2 Offense
4. Insubordination & Truancy – 2 Offenses
5. Threat of harm to other students – 1 Offense
6. Drugs/Alcohol – 1 Offense
7. Theft – 1 Offense



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION - STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

Monday, September 28, 2026

Prepared by Robert Sheldon II, Student Activities Coordinator

Student Activities Committee: Tillie Ticket | Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus | Lawrence Jones | Alice Melton-Barr | Shannon Melton

1. September/October Activities Update

Date	Event / Status
Sept. 4-5	Noorvik XC Invitational KMHS XC at Nome Invitational - results not posted Nome Volleyball at KMHS - Friday: Kotzebue 0, Nome 3; Saturday: Kotzebue 0, Nome 3
Sept. 9	First ASAA Mix Six Volleyball practice allowance
Sept. 11-12	Kotzebue XC Invitational KMHS Volleyball at Nome - Saturday matches: Kotzebue 1, Nome 3; Kotzebue 0, Nome 3
Sept. 18-19	NWABSD XC Championships @ IAN - top three boys and top three girls qualify for State KHS XC @ Hutch Invite Redington Volleyball at KMHS- Friday matches: Kotzebue 3, Redington 0; Saturday matches: Kotzebue 3, Redington 0.
Sept. 25-26	Division II (3A) Big West XC Championship at Nome - top eight boys and girls, plus winning teams (7 per team), qualify for State KHS Volleyball at Barrow Triangular Tournament - Barrow, Bethel, Kotzebue (JV & Varsity) OTZ Student Government at AASG Fall Meeting in Healy
Sept. 30	First ASAA Wrestling practice allowance
Oct. 3	ASAA State XC Championships - Bartlett Trails, Anchorage Division III Boys - 10:00 a.m. Division III Girls - 11:00 a.m. Division II Boys - 12:00 p.m. Division I Boys - 12:45 p.m. Division II Girls - 1:30 p.m. Division I Girls - 2:15 p.m.
Oct. 16-17	KMHS at Nome Arctic Pinky Volleyball Tournament
Oct. 23-24	Mix Six Volleyball Conference Weekend #1 (NFHS Stream) Selawik site: WLK, BKC, KVL, WTK Deering site: DRG, ORV, IAN, SHG KHS Wrestling at Nikiski Tournament
Oct. 30-31	NWABSD Wrestling at Mountain City Christian Tournament, Anchorage

2. Region 1 Board of Directors Fall Meeting

Primary district item: Seek formal Region 1 approval of Selawik's 2027-28 reclassification appeal to remain at the 1A level. The district's rationale centers on geography, travel cost, scheduling, and the practical impact of competition structure despite current high school enrollment numbers.

3. ASAA Lifetime Gold Pass - Herman Ticket

Herman Ticket has been selected as the Region 1 recipient of the ASAA Lifetime Gold Pass, recognizing sustained and extraordinary service to student activities in Alaska.

Herman becomes the fifth NWABSD recipient, joining Mike Zibell of Noorvik (2020), Nate Kotch of Kotzebue (2021), Craig McConnell of Kotzebue (2023), and Tommy Wells of Kiana (2024).

His record of service includes 34 years in the Army, 44 years of employment with NWABSD, and approximately 40 years of coaching at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. His impact extends well beyond Buckland and reflects decades of support for students, coaches, schools, and communities across the region.

4. Student Activities Committee - AR 6145, Section C: Participation Limits & Fees

The committee is reviewing current AR 6145 language concerning participation by qualifying alternative education students. Current language provides equal opportunity to participate and permits the District to establish activity fees and additional prorated expenses associated with participation.

Current comparative information: Of the districts contacted, North Slope Borough, Bering Strait, Lower Kuskokwim, Lake & Peninsula, Southwest Region, Kuspuk, Kashunamiut, Bristol Bay, Aleutians East Borough, and St. Mary's reported no participation fee. Fairbanks North Star Borough(\$250) and Anchorage School District(\$400) have been identified as having used a participation fee.

Committee purpose: Determine whether NWABSD should retain, revise, or remove the fee language in AR 6145 and develop a clear recommendation for administration and the Board of Education.