



NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL

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Indian Parent Action Committee (IPAC) Indian Education Tuesday, April 28, 2026

8:15 am

Teams Meeting or Call In

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AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Introductions of Committee Members & Guests
- D. Discussion of 2026-2027 Indian Education Grant Application
- E. Approval of 2026-2027 Indian Education Grant Application
- F. Committee Comments
- G. Public Comments or Feedback
- H. Adjournment

Committee Members:

Margaret Hansen
Tillie Ticket—Vice President
Alice Adams—President
Alice Melton Barr—Secretary
Charlene Hadley—Parent Rep
Kayla Pietila—Teacher Rep
Melissa Gottschalk (student rep)
Joy Cogburn-Smith (non-voting)

Team Link



MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.



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Indian Education Program – Budget/Application Summary Total Allocation \$590,675 2026-2027 Priorities for Indian ED

The district will continue supporting the Native Language/Cultural program, with increased emphasis on professional development for the district's Native Language teachers in best practices in instruction. The district will also continue supporting cultural classrooms and providing teachers with professional development in creating culturally relevant instruction and making cultural connections within the classroom.

- Continued Development of local place-based Inupiaq Science Curriculum for 9-12 grades
- Continue identifying resources and supply needs, and complete mapping of new curricula. Develop course materials for High School Science Courses
- Consultant services for Project Management of high school course development

Budget Details

Personnel (Staffing) – \$435,741 (73.77%)

4 FTE staff positions supported-- Covers salaries and benefits (fringe)

Classroom Paraprofessionals 2 FTE

Native Language Instructor 1 FTE

Inupiaq Specialist 1 FTE

Purpose: Direct support to students through instruction support, native language instruction and cultural programming

Contractual Services – \$100,000 (16.93%)

Consultant services for Project Management of Science Course Development

Purpose: Strengthening culturally relevant curriculum and course quality.

Travel – \$15,000 (2.54%)

Professional Development Travel for Staff

Indian ED Conference, in-district travel for professional development

Supplies – \$11,680 (1.98%)

Includes: Instructional materials & student consumables, and other program-related supplies

Indirect Costs – \$28,254 (4.78%) Based on rate of 5.42%

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indian Parent Advisory Committee (IPAC)

DATE: April 28, 2026

NUMBER: IPAC-2603

FR: State & Federal Programs

SUBJECT: Approval of
2026-2027 Indian Education
Formula Grant

ABSTRACT:

Indian Parent Advisory Committee (IPAC) approval is required before submission of the 2026-2027 Indian Education Application

ISSUE:

The Indian Parent Advisory Committee (IPAC) is requested to review and approve the 2026–2027 Indian Education Formula Grant Application. This application reflects program priorities, budget allocations, and services designed to support the academic and cultural success of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) students.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The Northwest Arctic Borough School District applies annually for Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant funds and must be approved by the Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

The total allocation for FY27 is \$590,675, with funding priorities including:
Personnel (73.77%) – Direct student support through paraprofessionals, Native language instruction, and cultural specialists
Contractual (16.93%) – Curriculum development, including Inupiaq science coursework
Travel (2.54%) – Professional development and program-related travel
Supplies (1.98%) – Instructional materials and student supports

All funds are fully allocated and aligned to program goals, with 0% administrative costs charged to the grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approval of the 2026-2027 Indian Education formula grant application and budget as presented.
2. Disapproval of the 2026-2027 Indian Education formula grant application and budget as presented.
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends IPAC approval of the 2026-2027 Indian Education formula grant application and budget, as presented