

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: April 28, 2026

NUMBER: 26-148

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approve Contract
for Construction
Fire System
Replacement, 4
Sites

STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:

Goal 4: Support Systems
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities

ABSTRACT:

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

ISSUE:

At issue is Board approval for the contract for construction for Districtwide Fire Systems Replacement, 4 sites to Convergent for an amount Not to Exceed of \$3,300,000.00.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

A DEED grant was awarded in 2025 to replace the Fire Systems in six schools. Noorvik's was replaced in 2025. Schools remaining to receive a new Fire Alarm system are Ambler, Buckland June Nelson Elementary and Kotzebue Middle High School. System will be a non-proprietary system, Potter, to match that installed in Noorvik and Selawik. While Shungnak is included in the grant, it may need a need a new sprinkler system in addition to the fire alarm system, thus it has been separated off as a different project.

As a system replacement project, the District can utilize the Sourcewell contract awarded to Convergent through a nationwide competitive bid process. This solicitation basically creates a per unit contract. As a member of Sourcewell, the District can utilize this existing contract saving time and money on procurement. Both DEED and District legal counsel approve the use of this contract format.

FUNDING SOURCE:

State of Alaska DEED Grant and USDA Community Facilities Grant through Rep. Begich office

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Contract for Construction Fire System Replacement, 4 Sites to Convergent in an amount Not to Exceed \$3,300,000 as presented;
2. Do not Approve Contract for Construction Fire System Replacement, 4 Sites to Convergent in an amount Not to Exceed \$3,300,000 as presented;
3. Take no final action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

4. The administration recommends the Board Approve Contract for Construction Fire System Replacement, 4 Sites to Convergent in an amount Not to Exceed \$3,300,000 as presented;

ATTACHMENT:

None