

# Board of Education

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 4:00 PM  
Zoom, P.O. Box 90, McGrath, Alaska 99627

## I. Call to Order/ Roll Call

## II. Mission Statement

II.A. *The Iditarod Area School District recognizes the unique and distinctive nature of each student with regard to character, capacity, ability and heritage. In doing so, we are committed to providing individualized, comprehensive and sequential programs to all students in an atmosphere which reflects their cultural heritage; and will, through an organized, efficient and effective school program designed and dedicated to incorporating a variety of learning opportunities, assure them of successful achievement as adults in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is our commitment to the students, parents and communities of the Iditarod Area School District. This is our Mission!*

## III. Oath of Office

## IV. Introduction of Guests

## V. Director Reports

V.A. Financial Report- Elena Begojevic

V.B. Registrar Report- Kyle Schneider

V.B.1. December and February Reports

V.C. Special Ed. Report- Casey McCarty

V.D. IDLC Report- Jesse Carnahan

V.E. Food Service Report- Dollie Nelson

V.F. Early Childhood Education Report

V.G. Maintenance Report- Steve Graham

V.H. Technology Report- Chris Romine

V.I. Career Counselor- Hailey Mahoney

V.I.1. Grant Review- Bob Pymn

V.I.1.a. Curriculum and Testing- Texas Gail  
Raymond

## VI. Site Reports

VI.A. Blackwell School- Michelle McGovern

VI.B. David Louis Memorial School- Dale  
Richesin

VI.C. Innoko River School- Joyanne Hamilton

VI.D. Jeffrey Bader Memorial School- Mary Walker

VI.E. McGrath School- Matt Shelborne

VI.F. Takotna Community School- Tabatha Meglitch

VI.G. Top of the Kuskokwim School- Jacob Mosier

VI.G.1. Student Government- Haylen Nicholi, Brienna Shelborne

**VII. Recognition and Awards**

**VIII. Communications**

**IX. Public Comment**

**X. Agenda Modification**

**XI. Old Business**

XI.A. 24-037 Second Reading of BP 5124 Policy Review

XI.B. 24-038 Second Reading BP 6161 Selection of Instructional Materials

**XII. New Business**

XII.A. 24-044 Certify Appointment of Board Member

XII.B. 24-045 Approval of January 9 Meeting Minutes

XII.C. 24-046 Approval of February Personnel Recommendations

XII.D. 24-047 Approval of AR 3512 Equipment Use

**XIII. Discussion**

XIII.A. 2024-2025 School Calendar

XIII.B. Emergency Generator for McGrath

**XIV. Board Comments**

**XV. Final Items/ Adjournment**

**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
SCHOOL OPERATING FUND  
FY24 Budget to Actual Statement of Activities - Unaudited  
12/31/23**

**Benchmark 50.00%**

	<u>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Actual</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>	
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
030 Earnings on Investments	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	0.00%
040 Other Local Revenues	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,134	\$ 18,866	24.54%
046 Rental Revenue	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000	0.00%
047 E-rate Subsidy	\$ 1,287,733	\$ 533,558	\$ 754,175	41.43%
050 Quality Schools	\$ 17,634	\$ -	\$ 17,634	0.00%
051 Foundation Program	\$ 6,018,531	\$ 2,973,600	\$ 3,044,931	49.41%
055 One-Time Payment House Bill 281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
058 ER-TRS On-Behalf Revenue	\$ 285,362	\$ 109,429	\$ 175,932	38.35%
059 ER-PERS On-Behalf Revenue	\$ 44,530	\$ 18,995	\$ 25,536	42.66%
090 Other State Revenue	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	0.00%
110 Impact Aid	\$ 600,000	\$ 753,575	\$ (153,575)	125.60%

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$8,311,289</b>	<b>\$4,395,291</b>	<b>\$ 3,915,998</b>	<b>52.88%</b>
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<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>					
310 Certificated Salaries	\$ 1,875,578	\$ 723,536	\$ 1,152,042	38.58%	
320 Non-Certificated Salaries	\$ 944,112	\$ 415,304	\$ 528,808	43.99%	
360 Employee Benefits	\$ 1,559,247	\$ 333,383	\$ 1,225,864	21.38%	
390 Travel Stipend	\$ 20,800	\$ 15,028	\$ 5,772	72.25%	
358 TRS On-behalf	\$ 285,362	\$ 109,429	\$ 175,932	38.35%	
359 PERS On-behalf	\$ 44,530	\$ 18,995	\$ 25,536	42.66%	
300	<b>SUBTOTAL: Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 4,729,628</b>	<b>\$ 1,615,675</b>	<b>\$ 3,113,952</b>	<b>34.16%</b>

**NON-PERSONNEL - BRICK & MORTAR:**

410 Professional & Technical Services	\$ 622,092	\$ 310,156	\$ 311,936	49.86%	
420 Staff Travel	\$ 65,000	\$ 68,770	\$ (3,770)	105.80%	
430 Broadband - E-Rate	\$ 1,422,821	\$ 592,842	\$ 829,979	41.67%	
431 Utility Services	\$ 106,168	\$ 50,173	\$ 55,995	47.26%	
436 Electricity	\$ 415,157	\$ 125,347	\$ 289,811	30.19%	
438 Heating	\$ 299,711	\$ 159,172	\$ 140,539	53.11%	
440 Other Purchased Services	\$ 59,571	\$ 9,882	\$ 49,689	16.59%	
445 Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 324,306	\$ 146,420	\$ 177,886	45.15%	
450 Supplies, Materials & Media	\$ 148,914	\$ 54,068	\$ 94,846	36.31%	
490 Other Expense (dues & fees)	\$ 57,532	\$ 64,606	\$ (7,073)	112.29%	
495 Indirect Cost Recovery	\$ (53,318)	\$ (23,000)	\$ (30,318)	43.14%	
	<b>SUBTOTAL: Non-Personnel - Brick &amp; Mortar</b>	<b>\$ 3,467,955</b>	<b>\$ 1,558,435</b>	<b>\$ 1,909,520</b>	<b>44.94%</b>

**NON-PERSONNEL - HOME SCHOOL:**

410 Professional & Technical Services	\$ 290,000	\$ 233,837	\$ 56,163	80.63%	
431 Utility Services	\$ 21,247	\$ 6,606	\$ 14,641	31.09%	
450 Supplies, Materials & Media	\$ 43,587	\$ 12,339	\$ 31,248	28.31%	
	<b>SUBTOTAL: Non-Personnel - Home School</b>	<b>\$ 354,834</b>	<b>\$ 252,782</b>	<b>\$ 102,051</b>	<b>71.24%</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 8,552,416</b>	<b>\$ 3,426,892</b>	<b>\$ 5,125,524</b>	<b>40.07%</b>
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**TRANSFERS TO / FROM OTHER FUNDS**

250 Capital Project Fund	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	0.00%
550 Food Service Fund	\$ (250,000)	\$ (218,260)	\$ (31,740)	87.30%

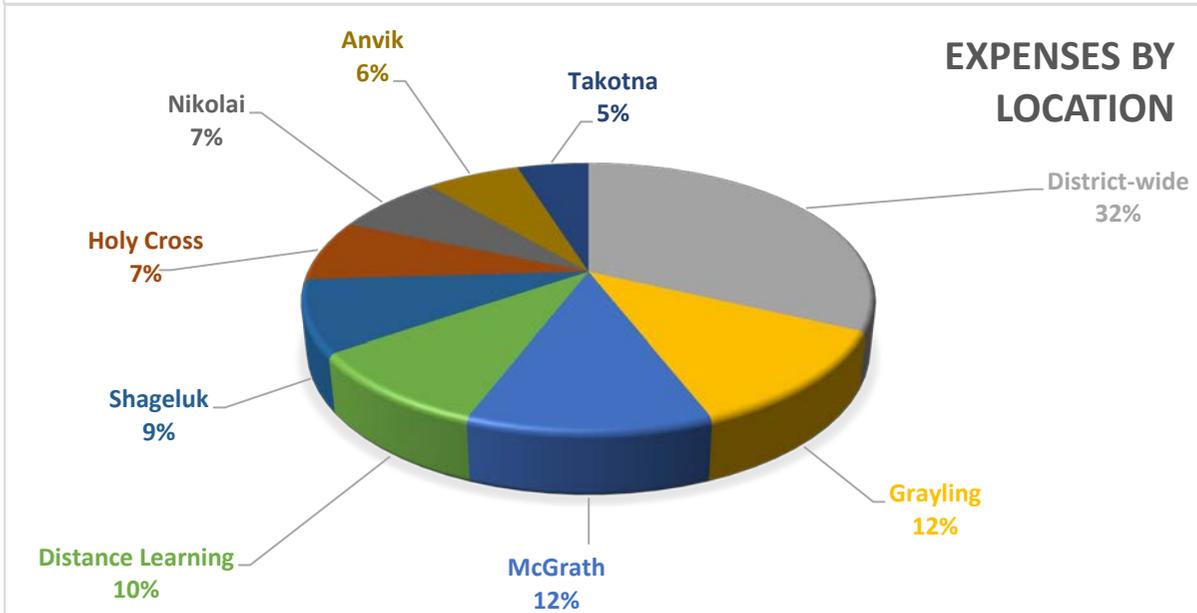
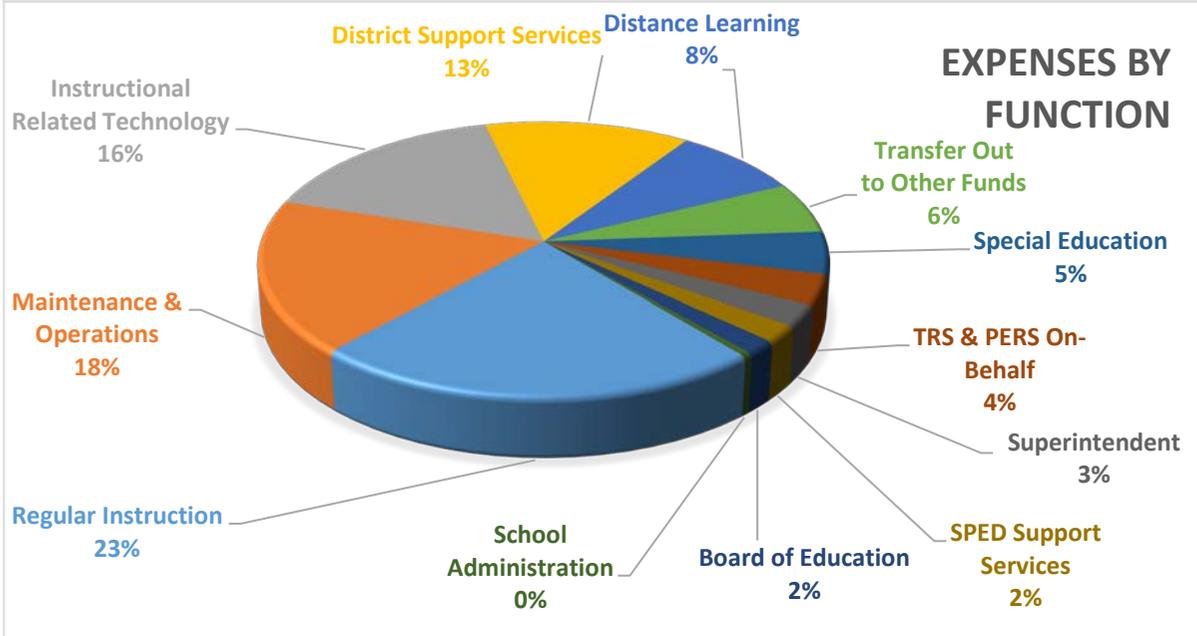
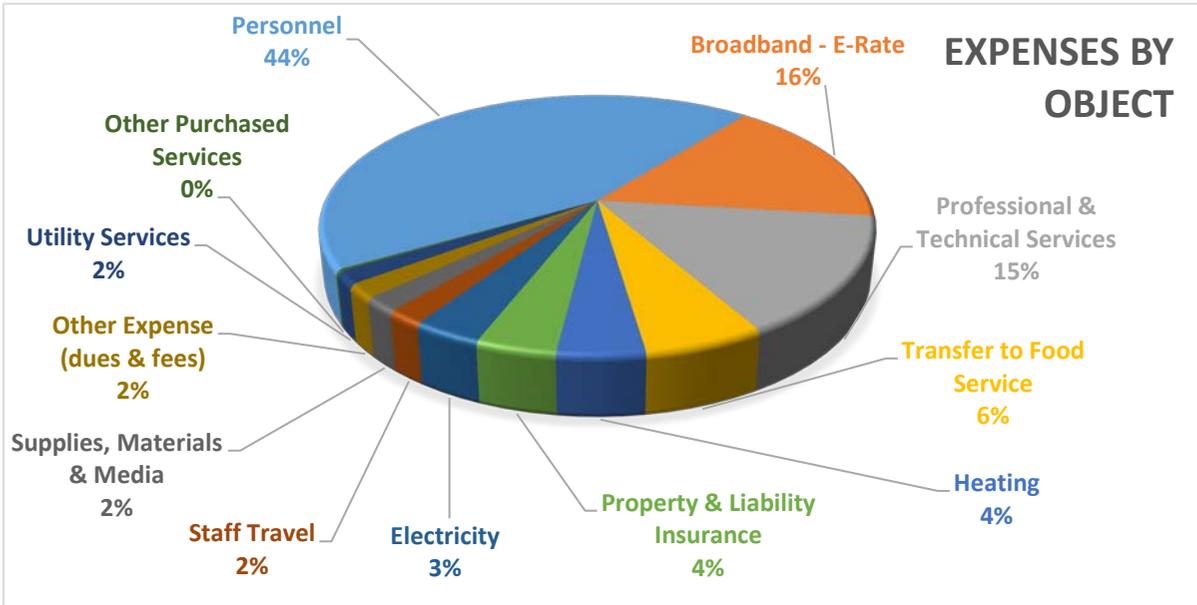
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT TO OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (218,260)</b>	<b>\$ 218,260</b>	
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<b>INCREASE (DECREASE)-UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (241,127)</b>	<b>\$ 750,139</b>		
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<b>Beginning Fund Balance (Unaudited)</b>	<b>\$ 1,040,812</b>	<b>\$ 1,040,812</b>		
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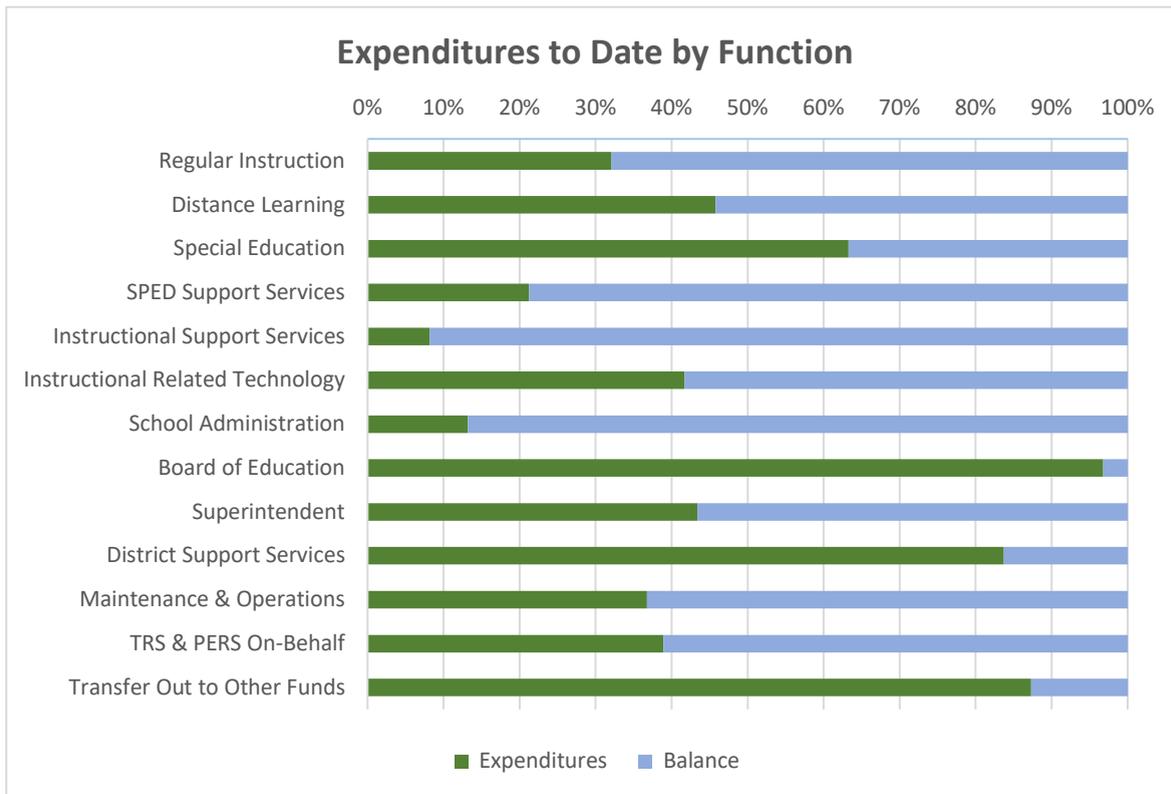
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 799,685</b>	<b>\$ 1,790,951</b>		
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**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
Analysis of School Operating Fund Expenditures  
As of December 31, 2023**



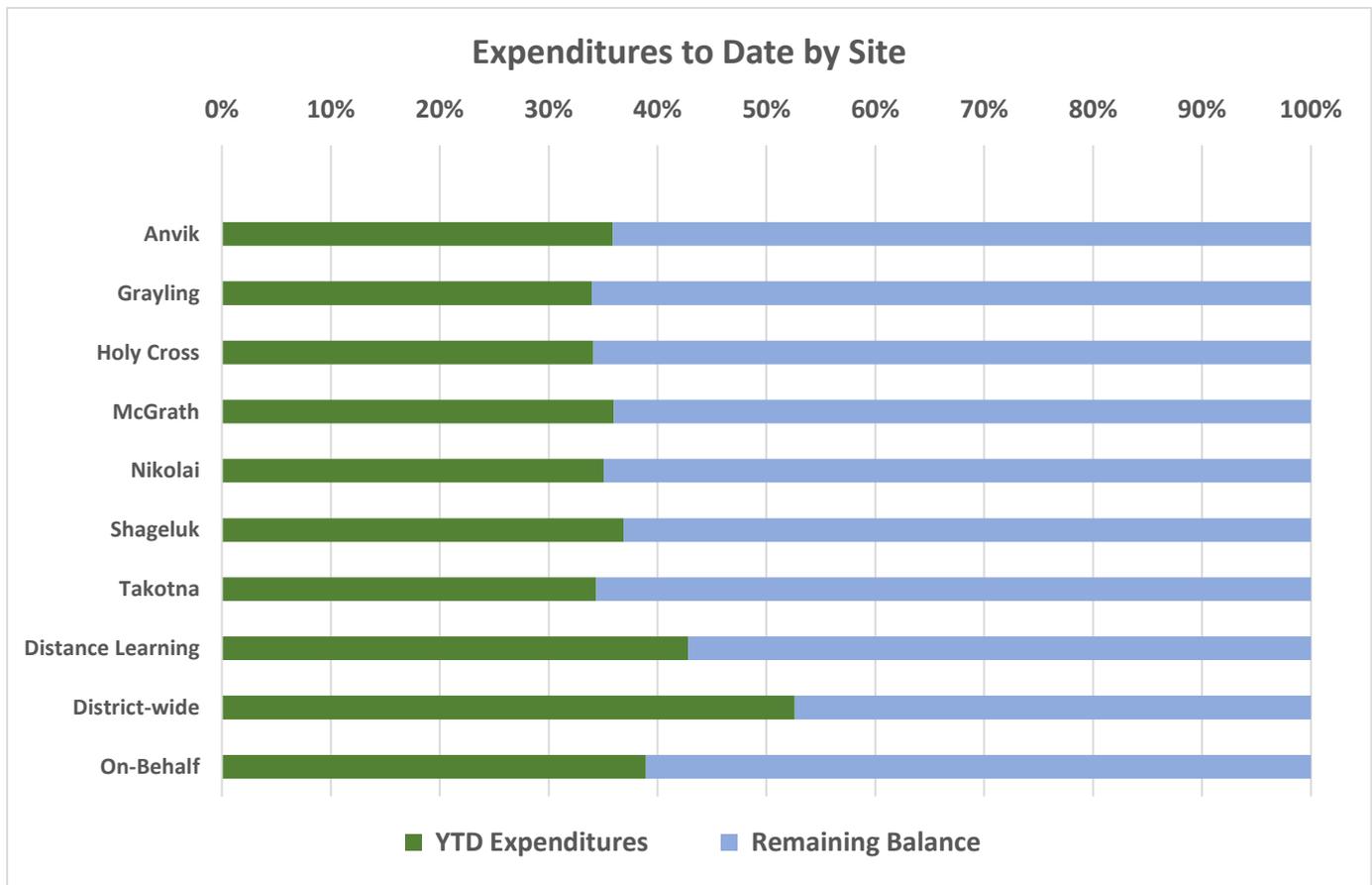
**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
FY24 Current Budget to Actual Expenditures & Transfers Out  
Expenditures by Function  
12/31/23**

<u>Function</u>	<u>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Actual</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>	<u>% Expended</u>
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,608,970	\$ 836,834	\$ 1,772,136	32%
Distance Learning	\$ 661,420	\$ 302,981	\$ 358,438	46%
Special Education	\$ 284,791	\$ 180,246	\$ 104,545	63%
SPED Support Services	\$ 337,550	\$ 71,644	\$ 265,906	21%
Instructional Support Services	\$ 156,426	\$ 12,773	\$ 143,653	8%
Instructional Related Technology	\$ 1,422,821	\$ 593,818	\$ 829,003	42%
School Administration	\$ 129,738	\$ 17,136	\$ 112,602	13%
Board of Education	\$ 60,526	\$ 58,575	\$ 1,951	97%
Superintendent	\$ 210,375	\$ 91,324	\$ 119,051	43%
District Support Services	\$ 573,573	\$ 480,242	\$ 93,331	84%
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 1,776,334	\$ 652,894	\$ 1,123,439	37%
TRS & PERS On-Behalf	\$ 329,892	\$ 128,424	\$ 201,468	39%
Transfer Out to Other Funds	\$ 250,000	\$ 218,260	\$ 31,740	87%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,802,416</b>	<b>\$ 3,645,152</b>	<b>\$ 5,157,264</b>	<b>41%</b>



**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
FY24 Current Budget to Actual Expenditures & Transfers Out  
Expenditures by Site  
12/31/2023**

<u>Student Count</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Actual</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>	<u>% Expended</u>
13	Anvik	587,285	210,909	376,376	36%
36	Grayling	1,171,030	397,539	773,491	34%
26	Holy Cross	713,116	243,164	469,952	34%
28.5	McGrath	1,075,535	387,272	688,263	36%
15	Nikolai	687,411	240,993	446,418	35%
27	Shageluk	777,555	286,767	490,788	37%
14	Takotna	465,586	160,102	305,484	34%
165	Distance Learning	736,224	314,990	421,234	43%
	District-wide	2,008,781	1,056,732	952,049	53%
	TRS & PERS On-Behalf	329,892	128,424	201,468	39%
	Transfers Out to Other Funds	250,000	218,260	180,000	87%
<b>325</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,802,416</b>	<b>3,645,152</b>	<b>5,125,524</b>	<b>41%</b>



**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
FY24 Current Budget to Actual Expenditures -  
& Transfers Out By Site By Object  
12/31/2023**

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Actual</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>
<b>ANVIK</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 155,494	\$ 50,983	\$ 104,511
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 40,514	\$ 19,354	\$ 21,160
Employee Benefits	\$ 116,054	\$ 19,867	\$ 96,187
Travel Stipend	\$ 1,600	\$ 5,428	\$ (3,828)
Professional & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Staff Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 240	\$ 1,760
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 2,209	\$ 1,159	\$ 1,050
Electricity	\$ 35,164	\$ 13,965	\$ 21,199
Heating Oil	\$ 23,554	\$ 11,777	\$ 11,777
Other Purchase Services	\$ 675	\$ -	\$ 675
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 6,760	\$ 3,443	\$ 3,317
<b>TOTAL ANVIK</b>	<b>\$ 587,285</b>	<b>\$ 210,909</b>	<b>\$ 376,376</b>
<b>GRAYLING</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 383,919	\$ 109,940	\$ 273,979
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 139,355	\$ 80,087	\$ 59,268
Employee Benefits	\$ 295,412	\$ 52,778	\$ 242,635
Travel Stipend	\$ 5,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 4,000
Professional & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ 215	\$ (215)
Staff Travel	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,694	\$ (1,694)
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 12,174	\$ 4,036	\$ 8,137
Electricity	\$ 53,469	\$ 23,525	\$ 29,945
Heating Oil	\$ 39,021	\$ 19,510	\$ 19,510
Other Purchase Services	\$ 2,348	\$ 3,425	\$ (1,077)
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 31,471	\$ 11,037	\$ 20,434
<b>TOTAL GRAYLING</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,030</b>	<b>\$ 397,539</b>	<b>\$ 773,491</b>
<b>HOLY CROSS</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 155,494	\$ 58,786	\$ 96,708
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 91,274	\$ 21,834	\$ 69,440
Employee Benefits	\$ 134,712	\$ 20,897	\$ 113,815
Travel Stipend	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,600	\$ 800
Professional & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ (430)
Staff Travel	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,370
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 38,965	\$ 23,183	\$ 15,782
Electricity	\$ 38,808	\$ 15,913	\$ 22,894
Heating Oil	\$ 20,798	\$ 10,399	\$ 10,399
Other Purchase Services	\$ 5,543	\$ -	\$ 5,543
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 18,863	\$ 3,799	\$ 15,063
<b>TOTAL HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>\$ 713,116</b>	<b>\$ 243,164</b>	<b>\$ 469,952</b>
<b>MCGRATH</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 317,223	\$ 137,733	\$ 179,490
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 39,762	\$ 20,737	\$ 19,025
Employee Benefits	\$ 213,857	\$ 48,440	\$ 165,417
Travel Stipend	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,600
Professional & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ (225)
Staff Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 360	\$ 1,640
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 10,920	\$ 4,553	\$ 6,367
Electricity	\$ 137,575	\$ 12,164	\$ 125,411
Heating Oil	\$ 112,817	\$ 64,629	\$ 48,189
Other Purchase Services	\$ 2,761	\$ 29	\$ 2,732
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 31,360	\$ 11,310	\$ 20,050
<b>TOTAL MCGRATH</b>	<b>\$ 1,075,535</b>	<b>\$ 387,272</b>	<b>\$ 688,263</b>

**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
FY24 Current Budget to Actual Expenditures -  
& Transfers Out By Site By Object  
12/31/2023**

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Actual</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>
<b>NIKOLAI</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 151,450	\$ 63,104	\$ 88,346
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 111,108	\$ 14,914	\$ 96,194
Employee Benefits	\$ 108,917	\$ 22,074	\$ 86,843
Travel Stipend	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ -
Prof & Tech	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ (600)
Staff Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 2,112	\$ 912	\$ 1,199
Electricity	\$ 50,772	\$ 26,904	\$ 23,868
Heating Oil	\$ 45,267	\$ 22,634	\$ 22,634
Other Purchase Services	\$ 2,500	\$ 298	\$ 2,202
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 8,426	\$ 3,262	\$ 5,164
<b>TOTAL NIKOLAI</b>	<b>\$ 687,411</b>	<b>\$ 240,993</b>	<b>\$ 446,418</b>
<b>SHAGELUK</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 248,496	\$ 110,447	\$ 138,049
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 65,941	\$ 19,747	\$ 46,194
Employee Benefits	\$ 181,453	\$ 38,939	\$ 142,514
Travel Stipend	\$ 2,400	\$ 800	\$ 1,600
Professional & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ 430	\$ (430)
Staff Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 5,945	\$ 1,305	\$ 4,639
Electricity	\$ 32,380	\$ 11,701	\$ 20,678
Heating Oil	\$ 14,926	\$ 7,463	\$ 7,463
Other Purchase Services	\$ 7,406	\$ 495	\$ 6,911
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 13,349	\$ 10,748	\$ 2,601
Technology-Related Hardwre	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL SHAGELUK</b>	<b>\$ 777,555</b>	<b>\$ 286,767</b>	<b>\$ 490,788</b>
<b>TAKOTNA</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 84,747	\$ 15,669	\$ 69,078
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 34,592	\$ 20,358	\$ 14,234
Employee Benefits	\$ 67,756	\$ 4,333	\$ 63,423
Travel Stipend	\$ 1,600	\$ 800	\$ 800
Professional & Technical Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Staff Travel	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Broadband	\$ 203,260	\$ 84,692	\$ 118,568
Utility Services	\$ 6,390	\$ 3,037	\$ 3,353
Electricity	\$ 38,042	\$ 14,196	\$ 23,846
Heating Oil	\$ 18,264	\$ 9,132	\$ 9,132
Other Purchase Services	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,657	\$ 593
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 7,686	\$ 6,228	\$ 1,458
Technology-Related Hardwre	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL TAKOTNA</b>	<b>\$ 465,586</b>	<b>\$ 160,102</b>	<b>\$ 305,484</b>
<b>HOME SCHOOL</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 88,954	\$ 37,481	\$ 51,473
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employee Benefits	\$ 50,323	\$ 12,726	\$ 37,596
Travel Stipend	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 800
Professional & Technical Services	\$ 482,500	\$ 238,137	\$ 244,363
Utility Services	\$ 27,346	\$ 9,536	\$ 17,811
Electricity	\$ 2,870	\$ 784	\$ 2,086
Other Purchase Services	\$ 34,588	\$ 3,922	\$ 30,666
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 48,723	\$ 12,339	\$ 36,384
Other Expenses	\$ 120	\$ 65	\$ 55
<b>TOTAL HOME SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$ 736,224</b>	<b>\$ 314,990</b>	<b>\$ 421,234</b>

**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
FY24 Current Budget to Actual Expenditures -  
& Transfers Out By Site By Object  
12/31/2023**

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY24 Budget</u>	<u>FY24 Actual</u>	<u>Available Balance</u>
<b>DISTRICT OFFICE</b>			
Certified Salaries	\$ 289,801	\$ 139,392	\$ 150,409
Non-Certified Salaries	\$ 421,566	\$ 218,273	\$ 203,293
Employee Benefits	\$ 390,763	\$ 113,330	\$ 277,433
Travel Stipend	\$ 800	\$ 800	-
Professional & Technical Services	\$ 429,592	\$ 303,956	\$ 125,636
Staff Travel	\$ 48,000	\$ 59,846	\$ (11,846)
Utility Services	\$ 21,355	\$ 9,057	\$ 12,298
Electricity	\$ 26,078	\$ 6,469	\$ 19,608
Heating Oil	\$ 25,063	\$ 13,628	\$ 11,435
Other Purchase Services	\$ 1,500	\$ 55	\$ 1,445
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 324,306	\$ 146,420	\$ 177,886
Supplies/Materials/Media	\$ 25,864	\$ 4,241	\$ 21,623
Other Expenses	\$ 57,412	\$ 64,266	\$ (6,853)
Indirect Cost	\$ (53,318)	\$ (23,000)	\$ (30,318)
Technology-Related Hardwre	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL DISTRICT OFFICE</b>	<b>\$ 2,008,781</b>	<b>\$ 1,056,732</b>	<b>\$ 952,049</b>
<b>TRS and PERS ON-BEHALF</b>			
TRS On-behalf	\$ 285,362	\$ 109,429	\$ 175,932
PERS On-behalf	\$ 44,530	\$ 18,995	\$ 25,536
<b>TRS and PERS ON-BEHALF</b>	<b>\$ 329,892</b>	<b>\$ 128,424</b>	<b>\$ 201,468</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO / FROM OTHER FUNDS</b>			
Capital Project Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Food Service Fund	\$ 250,000	\$ 218,260	\$ 31,740
<b>TRS and PERS ON-BEHALF</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>\$ 218,260</b>	<b>\$ 31,740</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES and TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 8,802,416</b>	<b>\$ 3,645,152</b>	<b>\$ 5,157,264</b>

**Iditarod Area School District  
Board Report  
FY24 District Administration - Budget to Actual  
12/31/2023**

	Function 511 School Board			Function 512 Superintendent			Function 510 TOTAL		
	Budget	Actual	Available Balance	Budget	Actual	Available Balance	Budget	Actual	Available Balance
District administration:									
Certificated salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,000	\$ 60,392	\$ 54,608	\$ 115,000	\$ 60,392	\$ 54,608
Noncertificated salaries	\$ 25,200	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,400	\$ -	\$ 13,050	\$ (13,050)	\$ 25,200	\$ 25,850	\$ (650)
Employee benefits	\$ -	\$ 1,842	\$ (1,842)	\$ 54,493	\$ 7,509	\$ 46,984	\$ 54,493	\$ 9,351	\$ 45,141
<b>SUBTOTAL: Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 25,200</b>	<b>\$ 14,642</b>	<b>\$ 10,558</b>	<b>\$ 169,493</b>	<b>\$ 80,951</b>	<b>\$ 88,542</b>	<b>\$ 194,693</b>	<b>\$ 95,593</b>	<b>\$ 99,100</b>
Professional and technical services	\$ -	\$ 1,594	\$ (1,594)	\$ 30,000	\$ 612	\$ 29,388	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,206	\$ 27,794
Staff travel	\$ 15,000	\$ 34,094	\$ (19,094)	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,653	\$ 347	\$ 25,000	\$ 43,747	\$ (18,747)
Other purchased services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies, materials and media	\$ 3,495	\$ 1,355	\$ 2,140	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ (108)	\$ 3,495	\$ 1,463	\$ 2,032
Other expenditures	\$ 16,831	\$ 6,890	\$ 9,941	\$ 882	\$ -	\$ 882	\$ 17,713	\$ 6,890	\$ 10,823
<b>SUBTOTAL: Non-Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 35,326</b>	<b>\$ 43,933</b>	<b>\$ (8,606)</b>	<b>\$ 40,882</b>	<b>\$ 10,373</b>	<b>\$ 30,509</b>	<b>\$ 76,208</b>	<b>\$ 54,305</b>	<b>\$ 21,903</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 60,526</b>	<b>\$ 58,575</b>	<b>\$ 1,951</b>	<b>\$ 210,375</b>	<b>\$ 91,324</b>	<b>\$ 119,051</b>	<b>\$ 270,901</b>	<b>\$ 149,898</b>	<b>\$ 121,002</b>

**Iditarod Area School District  
Food Services Program  
Statements of Activities  
For the Fiscal Years 2018 - 2024**

	<b>FY24 Budget</b>	<b>YTD 12/31/2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Federal Revenues through State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 169,938	\$ 207,214	\$ 191,330	\$ 194,704	\$ 196,551
Charges for Services	-	-	-	9,189	9,320	19,811	12,704	20,008
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>179,127</b>	<b>216,534</b>	<b>211,141</b>	<b>207,408</b>	<b>216,559</b>
255-320 Salaries and Wages	90,000	79,740	99,397	108,951	107,478	102,282	127,094	114,732
255-360 Benefits	20,000	25,548	33,457	33,420	38,364	33,188	40,465	37,657
Total Personnel	110,000	105,289	132,854	142,371	145,842	135,470	167,559	152,389
255-410 Professional and Technical	-	-	1,780	57,164	47,407	72,744	82,256	43,521
255-420 Staff Travel	1,500	1,150	351	4,694	-	1,818	662	11,805
255-450 Supplies	138,500	111,821	139,567	133,871	126,047	154,278	180,386	147,277
Total Non-personnel	140,000	112,971	141,698	195,729	173,454	228,840	263,304	202,603
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>218,260</b>	<b>274,552</b>	<b>338,099</b>	<b>319,296</b>	<b>364,310</b>	<b>430,863</b>	<b>354,992</b>
Expenses over Revenues	(250,000)	(218,260)	(274,552)	(158,972)	(102,762)	(153,169)	(223,455)	(138,433)
255-250 Transfer from GF	250,000	218,260	274,552	158,972	274,571	219,376	-	178,272
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,809</b>	<b>66,207</b>	<b>(223,455)</b>	<b>39,839</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE, beginning of year</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>(117,409)</b>	<b>(183,616)</b>	<b>39,839</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 54,000</b>	<b>\$ 54,400</b>	<b>\$ 54,400</b>	<b>\$ 54,400</b>	<b>\$ 54,400</b>	<b>\$ (117,409)</b>	<b>\$ (183,616)</b>	<b>\$ 39,839</b>



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**To: Members of the IASD School Board**  
From: Casey McCarty, Special Education Director  
Date: October 2023  
Subject: Update on Special Education

**Professional Development for Sped Staff:**

In January, Beth and I participated in Mandt Training, obtaining certification in de-escalation strategies. We intend to incorporate these strategies into our annual in-service program to enhance the training and support provided to teachers working with students who have challenging behaviors, particularly those with a history of trauma.

From February 3rd to 7th, Anchorage will host the yearly ASSEC (Alaska Statewide Special Education Conference). During this event, we will gain insights into pertinent special education subjects and foster connections with fellow special education educators and administrators statewide. Additionally, we will collaborate with our associates from SESA (Special Education Service Agency) to further support students in our district.

**Itinerant Travel:**

Beth Gold and I visited Holy Cross to assist new staff in establishing their new routines and gaining insights into working with students in special education. Beth also aided in completing District testing with students. In February, we will travel to Grayling and collaborate with UAF faculty on secondary transition goals for high school students. This initiative aims to integrate traditional indigenous transition skills into the education of students in rural areas of Alaska. In March, we will be visiting several additional schools.

**On-Going:**

We are continuing to hold annual meetings with students and their parents/guardians to update information for the next year on their IEP's. New referrals and re-evaluations are ongoing. We have two new transfers from Infant Learning Program which continues to build our district relationship with TCC.

Continued support from the School Board is always appreciated to make sure students receive a quality education and staff continues to feel encouraged in their endeavor.

Casey D McCarty  
IASD Special Education Director



# IDLC Report

## January 2024

### Program Updates

- ✔ **Strong Student Success**  
Seniors on track to graduate. Stronger parent communication and grade submittal.
- ✔ **Assessment Updates**  
Family response for required AK Reads assessments complete. Action plan being developed for families participating.
- ✔ **Holy Cross Support**  
IDLC staff helped to create Acellus access for students in Holy Cross. Helping track student progress and standing by to support further.
- ✔ **Parent Committee & Feedback**  
Procuring parent/family feedback for the year to develop stronger support plans for the next year. Plans to develop a parent advisory committee as well as
- ✔ **Spring/Summer Planning**
  - Presenting at March Board Report
  - Lease Contract Considerations
  - Update to advertising plan

### Current Statistics

▲ 164	Enrollment
8	Related Pre-K
73%	Co-Enrolled
27%	Traditional Homeschool

### Summary Notes

- ✔ Strong Student Success
- ✔ State Assessments
- ✔ District Support
- ✔ Parent Feedback
- ✔ Upcoming Information



Board Report Feb 2, 2024

December and January were a mad scramble to get out orders and things were left off of the lists causing no small amount of stress.

I got in all my orders for the final order of grocery's and added the missed item in a corrected smaller order to bring the supplies up to date. After that I received more requests that I could not fulfill due to lateness of receiving the updated order.

We have run out of food for the schools and the problems it caused were a big help in organizing and building a catalog of supplies and the amounts needed for each school.

I supplied new menus for 2024 and I will make changes in February to add and subtract foods that are easy to cook and serve and cover all the food groups. I am always looking for easy nutritional meals that can be adjusted for each school kitchen.

I encourage Native prepared foods when the supplies are available, but some Schools did not get any donated meat this year. Other Schools may have foods I don't plan for, so those cooks must insert the foods into their menus with their own recipes and style. This is highly encouraged and I will be happy to receive any recipes anyone wishes to share.

In talking to the various cooks, we have set up what I feel is a productive exchange of information which makes serving the cooks and their kitchens easier.

Due to the unexpected vacation in December, the orders I had prepared did not go out in a timely manner and caused some anxiety among the school Cooks when their orders didn't come in when I first predicted. I should have known we were going on Winter vacation, but I did not anticipate it and it did catch me unprepared and put me behind by two weeks. I will manage my time more carefully in the future.

This past year has been a learning curve for me, and I feel as though I am finally getting the hang of this position. It is not boring.

*Dollie Nelson*

Food Service

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Carol Simmons

Reading Specialist/ECE Director

December 2023 Report

January 8th, 2024

### December's Reading Specialist Report

As a Reading Specialist, my job is to oversee that teachers understand and are using the district reading curriculum and intervention provided to improve students' reading in our district. This past quarter and month I have been working with teachers to see how they are progressing with their students in DIBELS, Amplify mClass, System 44 and Read 180 as their interventions. Their reading curriculum is HMH Into Reading for elementary students and Into Literature for the middle and high schools. Attached are their Reading Intervention Reports from all schools in our district for the beginning of the year. They are testing again now that it is January for the middle of the year to view their improvement or make changes to improve their scores if they declined from the beginning of the year. The DIBELS and Amplify's mClass mainly consist of students in grades K-3 and a few that are still struggling in grades up to 5th according to the three tiers of the Alaska Reads Act.

I am also a mentor for Mary Walker, who has come out of retirement to teach in Holy Cross. Many changes have been made over the years, but I feel she will do an awesome job.

ECE Director

As the Early Childhood Education Director I am implementing and supporting the Alaska Reads Act by supporting the three major points:

- A three-year grant program for districts for the development and improvement of district-wide elementary education programs. Districts will be prioritized for funding based on low performance rating in the department ranking system which is based on the accountability system.
- The adoption of Early Education Program Standards for districts outlining the components of a high-quality early education program that meets Head Start Program Standards and other federal standards required for early education programs to receive federal funding.
- The opportunity for districts to receive .5 ADM foundation formula funds for district early education programs that meet the Early Education Program Standards. This funding formula opportunity is available to both districts who receive early education grants and existing programs that are not eligible for the grant.

As an ECE Director, I have begun taking classes in Teaching Strategies, an online single entry point for the Teaching Strategies suite of digital tools, resources, and support that make up the essential pieces of high-quality classroom practice. This course is 10 hours and worth 1 CEU. I quickly found and accessed documents to help and support my staff as they reach their professional development goals. Since I began in September, we now have four sites, Innoko River School, David Louis Memorial School, Top of the Kuskokwim School, Jeffrey A Bader Memorial School and Iditarod with seven workers and possibly 1 or 2 certified teachers. I have also earned a Gold Preschool/Pre-K Interrater Reliability Certification, which means a certification process that can prepare you to make assessment decisions with confidence that my staff is working on also. Bob and I took a trip to observe two Kodiak Pre-K locations with four classes and learned many, many ideas as far as curriculum, management and discipline goes. We are looking for a curriculum that first of all meets Alaska Standards, and can add culture and art to meet the needs and interests of the villages of Iditarod. I believe we have found that curriculum in “Creative Curriculum”. It promotes language, literature while nurturing math, and building the social–emotional foundation children need.

## CONCLUSION

This has been a very busy year so far. I hope that when the teachers look at how hard they have worked in getting their students to reach their student's goals, they will have a wonderful feeling of accomplishment in seeing their student's scores and have pride in the fact that now most all students can pick up a book that interests them and read it without much difficulty. Many of us are planning on going to the 2024 Alaska RTI/MTSS Effective Instruction Conference in Anchorage on January 26-28 to learn more about (RTI)- Response to Interventions, based interventions, (Response to Interventions), typically only address academic needs, whereas (MTSS), multi-tier system of supports intervention strategies often incorporate any number of additional components such as social, emotional, and behavioral programs, practices, and strategies.

It has taken much planning and organization in getting the Early Childhood Education Program started. Many Zoom meetings, phone calls, emails and lining paras and teachers up in Teaching Strategies to be certified in the IRR Certification and in taking other beneficial courses to be ready when the students arrive, either now or in the future. Some of the paras and teachers are already certified, while others are working towards more certifications in becoming better paras and teachers. We are planning to attend the 2024 AAEEYC, Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Conference February 29-March 2nd. Here they will learn and experience more at workshops, and listen to keynote speakers. All paid from the ECE Grant and AAEEYC! I and my colleagues are hoping to make the Iditarod Area School District a place where teachers want to stay, teach, and make learning a rich experience.

# Career Counselor Updates

Halie Mahoney

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IASD Career Counselor

Winter 2023

## *School Visits:*

During the second semester, I will be visiting Nikolai, Takotna, McGrath, Anvik, Holy Cross, Shageluk, and Grayling again to visit with students and administer the Myers-Briggs Strong Interest Inventory assessment.

*The Strong Interest Inventory assessment helps individuals identify their work personality by exploring their interests in six broad areas: realistic, artistic, investigative, social, enterprising, and conventional (often referred to using the acronym RIASEC). It then breaks the RIASEC areas into specific areas of interest, called Basic Interest Scales, that can be directly related to fields of study, careers, and leisure activities. In addition, it describes an individual's personal style preferences in different areas, such as learning environment and risk-taking, to consider when exploring career paths. The information allows me to rank the individual's top 5 or 10 most compatible occupations from a list of 260 specific jobs.*

## *Alaska Excel:*

Already, this school year, IASD has sent 55 students to Alaska Excel::

Alaska Excel Launch (September 7-14): **6 spots**

Alaska Excel 11/10 (September 19-28): **6 spots**

Alaska Excel CTE/Credit Recovery (October 10-21): **6 spots**

Alaska Excel 12/Intro to Aviation (October 29- November 9): **4 spots**

Excel 10/11 (November 14-21): **9 spots**

Excel Credit Recovery (December 4-13): **4 spots**

Excel 7 (January 16-19): **11 spots**

Excel 8 (January 29-February 2): **9 spots**

*The Alaska Excel program is funded entirely by grants, and our students are able to attend sessions without costing the school district any money. During the 2022/2023 school year, we sent IASD students 55+ times to more than 15 sessions. It is only January, and we have already surpassed that number for the 2023/2024 school year.*

## **ANSEP:**

Our IASD students were invited back to [The Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program \(ANSEP\)](#)! Eight students in grades 6-8 will attend the STEM program in Anchorage from January 29th - February 6th, 2024.

## **Career Exploration Presentations:**

October 19, 2023

Sergeant Bryce Weight of Alaska Department of Public Safety hosted a Zoom presentation and Q&A session for our IASD students to learn about a career with Alaska State Troopers.

October 26, 2023

Trooper Patrick Simasko visited McGrath School and discussed the process and requirements for becoming an Alaska Wildlife Trooper.

November 29, 2023

Johanna Belleque, the family school counselor of *Tumyaraa: The Path Bridging Program*, hosted a Zoom presentation and Q&A session for our IASD students to learn about APU's exciting new three year college readiness and transitional project. She also discussed the general admissions process for APU.

December 7, 2023

Alaska Army Recruiter Sergeant First Class Kuhl hosted a Zoom presentation and Q&A session for our IASD students to learn about a career in the U.S. Army.

## **Conferences:**

Alaska Excel Onboarding Workshop  
September 29-October 2

AASB's 70th Annual Conference & Youth Leadership Institute  
November 9-12: **CHAPERONE**

Alaska School Counselor Association (AKSCA)  
Annual Conference "Harvesting Solutions: Pursuing Upstream Strategies"  
November 14-17

*Memories from First Semester*







































# **Report to the Board**

## **Grants**

### **Bob Pymn**

**Early Childhood Grant:** We currently have 3 schools that have a functioning preschool. We are focusing on Jeffery A Bader (Holy Cross) to be the next school to get their preschool open. I'm optimistic that we can have that school working soon. We brainstormed and thought we could have about 8 (3-5 year old children) in Holy Cross that would qualify. We are getting closer on getting a Certified Preschool Teacher that would work with each village aide.

**TRAIL:** We are doing well getting Holy Cross updated with some new furniture (tables, chairs, seating, and bookshelves). We have given out books to every child throughout the year and will be ordering more books in the months ahead.

**FUTURES:** We continue sending children to EXCEL and the numbers keep increasing. We are ahead of last year's numbers on the number of students attending EXCEL. We would like to find some students to enroll into dual credit classes.

**Holy Cross Housing Grant:** We are gathering information and documentation to get this project started. As housing is critical at Holy Cross. Longevity of our staff at Holy Cross really depends on dependable and independent housing.

**CSI Schools:** Each of our 4 schools are working with their Empowering Coach on implementing their goals and adjusting it (as it is a working document). We have a couple of schools that are trying to get cultural activities at their locations.



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**To:** Alice Dale, Chairman  
Members of the School Board

**Through:** PJ Ford-Slack  
**From:** Texas Gail Raymond

**Date:** Feb. 1, 2024

**Subject:** Curriculum and Assessment

Assessment:

The Middle of the Year Assessments were completed on Jan. 19. These included mCLASS/Dibels for K – 5 students, and MAP for 3 – 12 students.

The mCLASS/Dibels assessment is a series of short diagnostics measuring specific reading skills. These skills are necessary for reading proficiency. This information is used to develop reading interventions for individual students.

The following table compares BOY (Beginning of the Year) with MOY (Middle of the Year) per grade level.



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Comparing Populations: DIBELS 8th Edition						
View	Population	Time	Measure			
Segment Results by: Account Report Level: Account Grade Divider: On Display Data As: Percentage	Show Students Enrolled: On Test Day Grade: All Grades	School Year: 2023-2024 Period: All Periods	Measure: Composite Score Performance Measurement: Levels Level Filter: All Levels			
Account	Well Below Benchmark	Below Benchmark	At Benchmark	Above Benchmark	Total Students	
<b>Iditarod Area School</b> <span style="float: right;">Current as of 01/31/2024</span>						
Grade K						
Iditarod Area School	23-24 BOY	9(56%)	4(25%)	2(13%)	1(6%)	16
	23-24 MOY	7(54%)		5(38%)	1(8%)	13
Grade 1						
Iditarod Area School	23-24 BOY	9(60%)	2(13%)	4(27%)		15
	23-24 MOY	7(47%)	1(7%)	5(33%)	2(13%)	15
Grade 2						
Iditarod Area School	23-24 BOY	5(42%)	2(17%)	4(33%)	1(8%)	12
	23-24 MOY	3(25%)	1(8%)	6(50%)	2(17%)	12
Grade 3						
Iditarod Area School	23-24 BOY	7(46%)	3(20%)	4(27%)	1(7%)	15
	23-24 MOY	8(57%)	1(7%)	4(29%)	1(7%)	14
Grade 4						
Iditarod Area School	23-24 BOY	3(37%)	2(25%)	3(38%)		8
	23-24 MOY	2(28%)	1(14%)	2(29%)	2(29%)	7
Grade 5						
Iditarod Area School	23-24 BOY	3(20%)	5(34%)	5(33%)	2(13%)	15
	23-24 MOY	6(43%)	3(21%)	5(36%)		14



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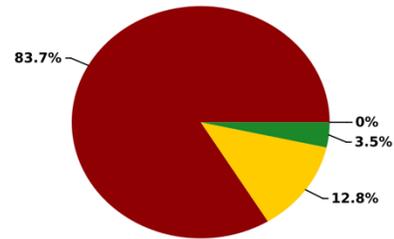
MAP testing is done for 3 – 12 students in the areas of Reading, Language Usage, Math and Science. The results of the assessments indicate both growth and achievement. The following charts show projected results for the AK STAR to be taken this spring.

**MATH**

Projected to: Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) taken in spring.

View Linking Study: <https://www.nwea.org/news-center/resources/alaska-linking-study/>

Grade	Student Count	Level 1: Needs Support		Level 2: Approaching		Level 3: Proficient		Level 4: Advanced	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2	6	4	66.7%	1	16.7%	1	16.7%	0	0.0%
3	13	9	69.2%	3	23.1%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%
4	5	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5	16	14	87.5%	2	12.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
6	9	6	66.7%	3	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
7	14	12	85.7%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%
8	6	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
9	17	17	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

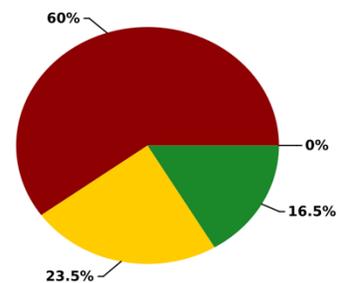


**READING**

Projected to: Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) taken in spring.

View Linking Study: <https://www.nwea.org/news-center/resources/alaska-linking-study/>

Grade	Student Count	Level 1: Needs Support		Level 2: Approaching		Level 3: Proficient		Level 4: Advanced	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2	6	2	33.3%	2	33.3%	2	33.3%	0	0.0%
3	13	5	38.5%	5	38.5%	3	23.1%	0	0.0%
4	5	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
5	16	6	37.5%	7	43.8%	3	18.8%	0	0.0%
6	9	5	55.6%	1	11.1%	3	33.3%	0	0.0%
7	14	11	78.6%	1	7.1%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%
8	6	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
9	16	13	81.2%	2	12.5%	1	6.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>



**Curriculum:**

We are beginning a High School Science pilot through the end of the year with Kognity Science. We are also beginning an Elementary Social Studies review.



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## Blackwell School February Site Report

### School Information

We are holding steady at 11 students. Overall, attendance has been outstanding. The weather has been cold like the rest of the district and we have had three late starts to accommodate families.

### Update on December Events

Our big event for the month was our Christmas Program and luncheon for the community. Students performed comical, holiday skits and sang songs in their native language. The school and community came together and enjoyed cold cut sandwiches, salads, and finger foods. Santa even came and handed out backpacks filled with goodies. Pictured here is the community meal, students singing native songs, and Bobbi and her husband as Santa!







### Update on January Events

We kicked off returning to school in January with MAPS and Dibels testing. Students worked hard and it was great to see where progression was happening and what areas we needed to focus on in elementary and middle/high school. Michelle and Bobbi attended the RTI/MTSS conference in Anchorage toward the end of the month. Much information was gained about intervention, transfer, and visible learning. We had two students attending Excel in Anchorage this month.

### February Plans

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for February 7th and will be paired with a homemade hot chocolate bar and cookies spread for families. We have two more students attending Excel this month as well. A school Valentine's celebration will take place for students on the 14th with some social emotional learning read alouds about friendship. We are planning for Dancing with Spirit to come interact with and teach students from February 26th through March 1st.

### Maintenance and Internet Issues

We have had CIP engineers visiting our school to prepare plans for the renovation project and an inspector here testing for hazardous material in the building. We have had plumbing issues in the building that has affected the kitchen, staff bathroom, and teacher housing. We are currently

in the process of remedying the situation. We have hired a new maintenance worker and custodian since our full time employee left in December.

Chris Romine is coming up on the 12th to fix and install new wifi in the building. We have received parts, but some rewiring and replacement equipment will need to take place.

### Overall

Overall we are working hard to prepare for state testing in April. We are trying a new intervention program called i-ready and are really excited to see some progress. It is a great program. Students have been taking diagnostics and professional development has been taking place to help teachers better serve students for invention.

Report to the School Board  
Iditarod Area School District  
December 12, 2023

## **David Louis Memorial School, Grayling**

David Louis Memorial School has 43 students enrolled as of November 17 (38 not including five ECE students).

Tisha Dalton has a total of five students in our ECE program:

Pre-K 3, 1 student

Pre-K 4, 4 students

Abiguel Cabral has a total of thirteen students in grades K-2. She is also teaching grades 3 and 4 until Jenny Bocani arrives:

Kindergarten, 5 students

First grade, 5 students

Second grade, 3 students

We welcome Jenny Bocani from the Philippines. Hopefully she will be joining us in a few weeks. She has a total of six students. Until her arrival, her third and fourth grade students are being taught by Abiguel Cabral, and her fifth grade student will be taught by Dale Richesin.

Third grade, 1 student

Fourth grade, 4 students

Fifth grade, 1 student

Dale Richesin has eight students. He is also teaching one fifth grade student until Jenny Bocani arrives:

Sixth grade, 0 students

Seventh grade, 5 students

Eighth grade, 3 students

Matthew Robinson has eleven students.

Ninth grade, 5 students

Tenth grade, 2 students

Eleventh grade, 4 students

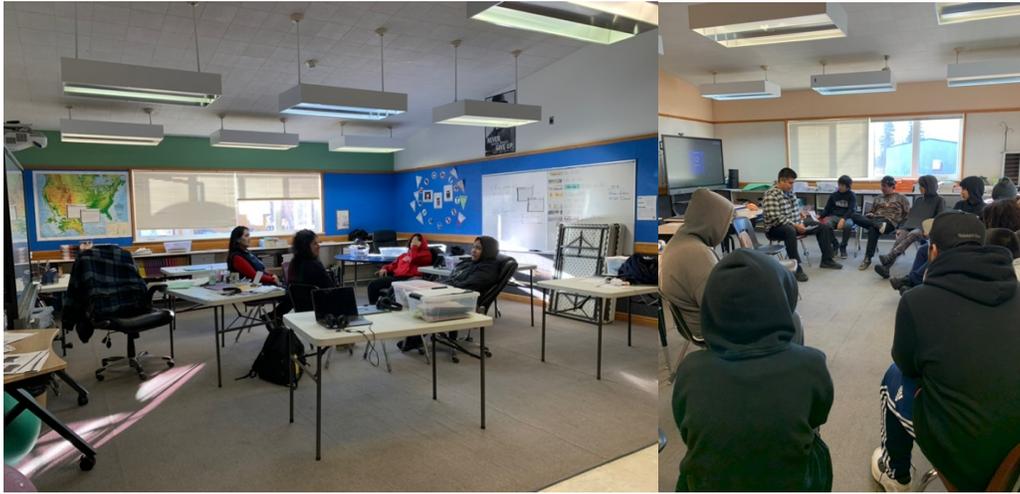
Twelfth grade, 0 students

Some special things in our school this month:

- We are now offering Tutoring classes Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for grades K-12. So far 15 students have participated.
- We are moving ahead with plans for a District School Yearbook. It will feature activities and pictures from all our schools, including graduation and promotion. It will be available in late summer.
- We participated with all District schools in a Zoom meeting with the State Trooper recruiter who gave a presentation to the students and responded to questions on October 19.
- October 23-26 our school participated with the Grayling Tribe in a Health and Wellness Conference, which involved Talking Circles, Massage, Acupuncture, and other events.
- On October 30, in cooperation with the Grayling Tribe, we hosted a Halloween Carnival.
- On November 1-3, Albert Sokaitis of Challenge Life gave presentations to all classes.
- November 10 we had a Literacy Night. More than 20 students and family came out to get free books.
- 3 times a week, Alice Taff meets with Edna Deacon to record stories about the Holikachuk language and culture.
- November 21, in cooperation with the Tribe, we hosted the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. It was cooked by Matthew Robinson, our high school teacher, who has stepped up as the substitute cook this year on several occasions. Our Pre-School teacher, Tisha Dalton, has also been a substitute cook this year.

--L. Dale Richesin, Principal-Teacher, David Louis Memorial School, Grayling, Alaska

## HEALTH & WELLNESS WEEK, October 23-26, 2023



## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, October 30, 2023



## **HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, October 31, 2023**



## **CHALLENGE LIFE, November 1-3, 2023 With Albert Sokaitis**



## LITERACY NIGHT, November 10



## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, November 21, 2023





## Grayling Advisory School Board

February 6, 6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

1. Approval of Agenda, the Agenda was revised with the addition of Y-I days
2. Oath of Office
  - a. John Deck, Seat A, expires 2024, John Deck resigned. We discussed possible replacements to be appointed for the remainder of his term.
3. Election of Officers, postponed until a third Board member is appointed
4. Alaska School Improvement process
  - a. Dale reviewed our progress. Our consultant, Keith Kremer, was unable to attend due to mechanical problems on the plane. He will be here Feb. 22.
  - b. Matt reviewed his plans for a Mentoring program, focusing on trapping and small engine repair. It is hoped that this program will become a model for other small schools in the state.
5. Other Issues
  - a. School Secretary, we have one applicant. It is hoped that this position will be filled by the end of March.
  - b. Parent-Teacher nights, Wed, March 20, 3-5 p.m., Thurs, March 21, 6-8 p.m.
    - i. Matt will have his on Tuesday March 19 and Wed March 20.
  - c. Promotion, Kindergarten & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Friday, May 10, 6 p.m.
    - i. Parents will be involved to plan this event.
  - d. 2024-2025 calendar
    - i. We recommended the following
      1. First Day of students, August 12 or August 19.
      2. Nov 27-28-29 for Thanksgiving
      3. 3 weeks for Christmas, Dec 16-Jan 5
      4. Link Inservice dates to other Federal Holidays
  - e. Y-I Days
    - i. There was much discussion about this event and previous District sponsored events in the past.
    - ii. We are frustrated that several of our students have cancelled participation if Excel events of recent.
    - iii. We are frustrated that our students do not seem interested in attended the District sponsored Prom in Fairbanks.
    - iv. We discussed the possibility of creating Excel-like projects hosted and sponsored by our school and open to other schools in the District.
    - v. We agreed to have two School Fun days, Friday, March 29 and another day in April.
    - vi. We agreed to have an All Parents' Meeting, Thursday, February 22, 6:30 p.m. to plan those events. Our consultant, Keith Kremer, should be here for that meeting.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

**School Mission (From the District)**

The Iditarod Area School District recognizes the unique and distinctive nature of each student with regard to character, capacity, ability, and heritage. In doing so, we are committed to providing individualized, comprehensive, and sequential programs to all students in an atmosphere which reflects their cultural heritage; and will, through an organized, efficient and effective school program designed and dedicated to incorporating a variety of learning opportunities, assure them of successful achievements as adults in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

This is our commitment to the students, parents and communities of the Iditarod Area School District. This is our mission!

I came out of retirement to help out in Holy Cross teaching Grades K-5 with some principal duties. I was in McGrath from December 4-12, 2023 for training with Carol Simmons, and finally made it to Holy Cross. December 13th I finally met the students just before Christmas break. Bob Pymn had a Christmas dinner at Jeffery A. Bader Memorial School, so that community members and parents could meet me.

The school was closed for deep cleaning over the holidays. It is still in the process. January 13th, Grayling high school teacher Matthew Robinson was here for a week. Reading Specialist Carol Simmons was here for MAPS and Dibels testing. Special Ed Coordinator Casey McCarty and Itinerant Sped Beth Gold were here as well.

Tanana Chiefs Conference Challenge Life/Family Services staff were here in the community providing services, and held their dinner and door prizes at the Commons. Coach Albert Sokaitis had basketball drills with all students and gave inspirational talks with the older students Grades 6-9. He also had basketball competitions in the gym after the dinner for kids and community members. Parents Bernard Edwards and Jason Maillelle each won a pair of sneakers. He held basketball clinics with K-9 during the first Saturday school makeup day. He had t-shirts for all the participants.

One seventh grader Molly Paul attended Excel 7 in Anchorage January 16-19, 2024. Two eighth graders, Mary Demientieff and Skyler Houser attended Excel 8 in Anchorage January 29, 2024-February 2, 2024. Halie Mahoney made the arrangements, and contacted parents.

Three community people stepped up to shovel off the school roof before the cold weather started. Once the weather is warmer shoveling the school roof can resume until finished.

The Holy Cross Tribe is hosting Wellness and Prevention Days for community members February 14-16. Tanana Chiefs Conference Coordinator Rita Eaglehead and facilitator Brandon Mayo will hold Talking Circles with students on February 14, 2024 at the school. They are collaborating with the Healing Native Hearts Coalition. Grayling Principal-Teacher Dale Richesin and sub teacher Jeanette Dementi will monitor students as I will be out for appointments. Reading Specialist Michelle McGovern and Early Childhood Director Carol Simmons will be on site as well.

Thanks to Tanana Chiefs Conference and the Holy Cross Tribe, the Jeffery A. Bader Memorial School will have a Music and Culture Week February 19-16, 2024. Dancing

with the Spirit Director Belle Mickelson will have three staff at the school to teach students- Rion Schmidt, Rosemary McGuire and Joanne Sakar. They will stay at the school and enjoy breakfasts and lunches with the students. It will be wonderful to have them working with all students, and inviting elders in to assist.

The Jeffery A. Bader Memorial School had five school days to make up. We made one up January 20, 2024. The next two are February 10th and 24th. The last two are March 23, 2024 and April 13, 2024.

A zoom was scheduled and parents/guardians of the three secondary students were notified. Just the Interim Superintendent PJ Ford Slack, Grants Director Bob Pymn, Jesse Carnahan, myself, and the two Paras Rebecca Demientieff and Cecilia Turner were present.

The Jeffery A. Bader Memorial School is short a teacher with 20 students registered. Some days staff is out, a week long bout of cold weather, colds/flu/covid, and the internet was out for a few days. This makes it difficult for students taking online classes and for SPed to provide services to students via Zoom.

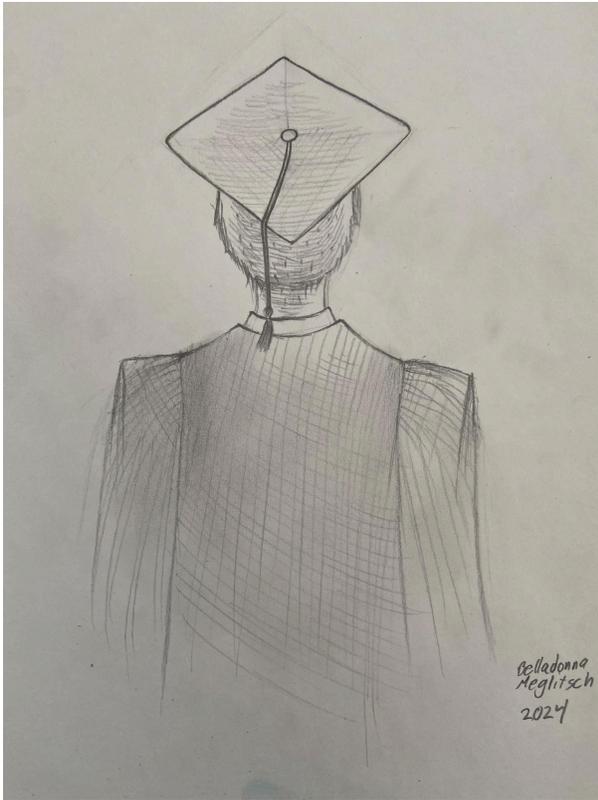
Mary Walker, Principal-Teacher  
Jeffery A. Bader Memorial School  
Holy Cross, Alaska

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# Congratulations Joseph!

High School Graduate, Takotna Community School



by Belladonna Meglitsch on January 24

As we leave the old year behind and come into the new year of 2024, there are a few things we need to say. One of them being, congratulations Joseph Martinez Jr.!

Our school will certainly miss having him. I remember borrowing a few books from him, and for one reason or another, they all smelled like Oreos.

In January 2024, Joseph Martinez Jr officially graduated and is ready to move into the next chapter of his life. Whatever dreams and aspirations he has, he's now free to chase them as we wish him the best.

## Veterinary Clinic Visit

By **Arrow Meglitsch** on January 25

The veterinarians of Native Rural Veterinary Inc are planning on being in Takotna April 1, 2024, as long as the weather permits it. They will be here to offer several procedures for our pets, free of charge.

To get the appointment list, please fill out a chart like the one next to this paragraph with the animal type and the owner's name, then send it to Tabatha.

Owner:	
Procedure:	Animal Types:
spray	
neuter	
vaccination	
wellness check	

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## Cold Temperatures and Attendance



by Tabatha Meglitsch on January 24

It has come to the coldest part of the year where we all start wondering if we should even step outside. Then we realize the wood is out there.

Schools have special allowances at these temperatures. Parents can keep students home and have excused absences when the thermometer reads -40. Staff at the Takotna school will send out a messenger report in the morning letting parents know what the

temperature is at the school building. Parents can report their own home temperatures at their discretion. Students are still expected to get the work assigned on those days done. Tabatha Meglitsch is using a combination of Messenger and Gmail to ensure students have access to their assignments and can get them turned in. Parents of elementary students will have to make arrangements with Ms. Blair for her classroom.

## Make-Up Day Options

By Tabatha Meglitsch on January 29

Dear Parents,

We have had to cancel school three days so far this year. I would like to ask parents if they would prefer Saturday school as make-up, or to have days added to the end of the year? There are two days at the end of the year that could be used as well as the Saturdays in February, March, April and May. Currently our school year ends on May 15th for students.

Please contact Tabatha Meglitsch or Dianne Blair to let us know your preferences.

Thank you, Tabatha Meglitsch

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## Power Update

by Tabatha Meglitsch on January 24

Village power was reconnected to the school on January 23rd. The backup generator had flipped its breaker overnight and the school was 35 degrees inside so school had to be canceled for the day. The village is still running off a single generator, which means we have to limit our power usage still until the two new village generators are installed. They have been physically put in place for the most part, but still require a programmer and electrician for final installation. We will continue to update you on the power situation at school as it develops.

## Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

by Kyla Martinez on January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a baptist minister, a very prominent leader in the civil rights movement. The reason we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. day on January 15th is because its the day that he's commemorated in life. We give him the respect that he deserves. He struggled but he kept pushing forward to speak on what he thought was right. Many of his speeches are remembered and often referred to even today. We are encouraged to celebrate on this day to reflect on something he brought to us: the principles of racial equality and non-violent social change.



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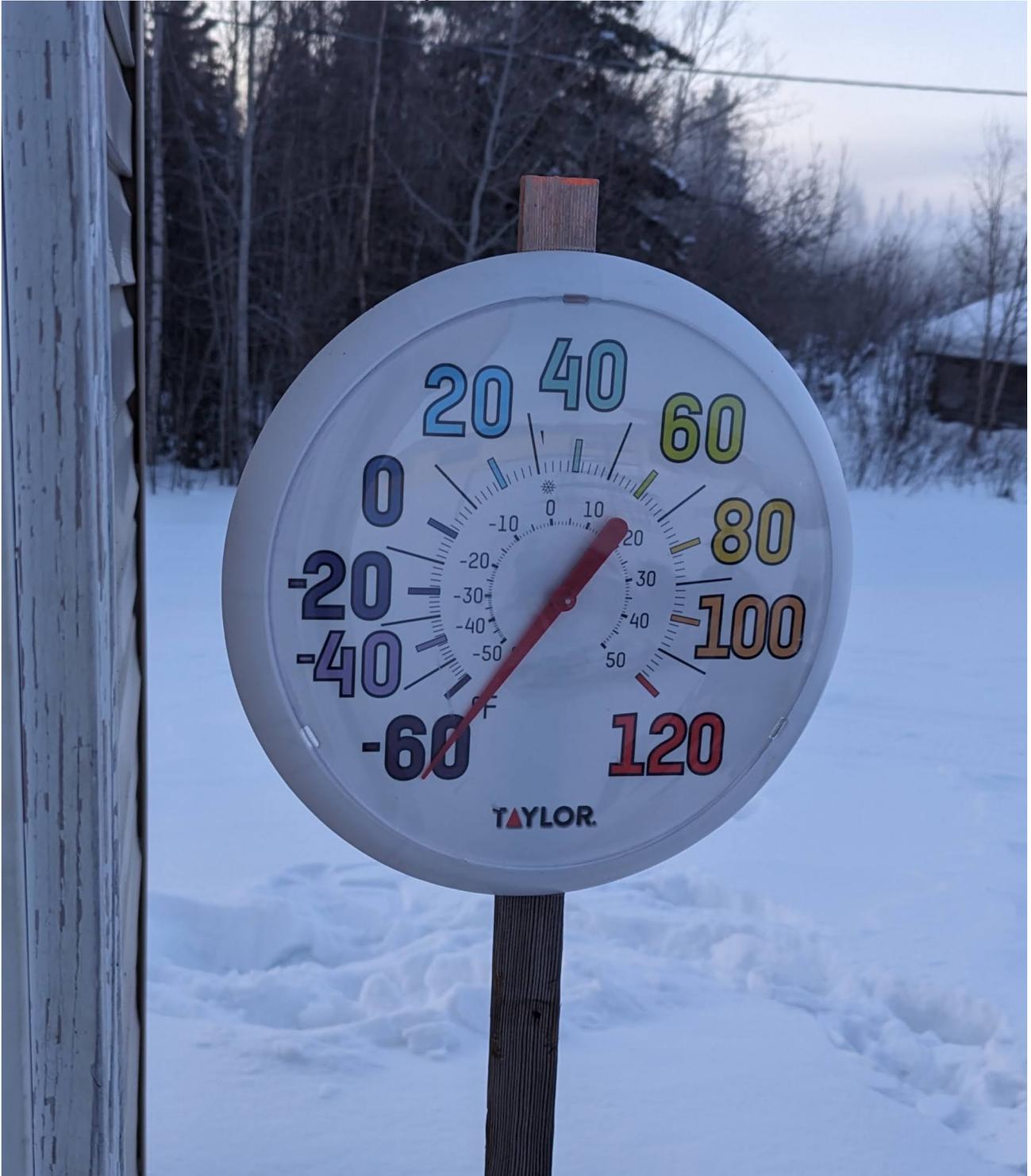
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Takotna Community School

January 2024 Newsletter/Board Report

## Top of the Kuskokwim Board Report

January has been a cold month. Students are excited to be back in school, and even the extreme weather hasn't kept most of them away. We completed MAP testing and DIBELS. Students have nearly finished their artwork for the Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest. One of our students won a prize last month for her water-color painting entry to the Alaska Rural Water Contest, and received a set of art supplies for our classroom as well as a cash prize for herself.



In conjunction with the City of Nikolai, we hosted a group called Frozen Commons.



They came to teach a photography workshop for the community, as well as art classes for the students. They were good sports and jumped right in to help when our water problems started.

In February we will start our preparations for the Iditarod. We will also have students

attending Alaska EXCEL, and, with our village council, we are planning a winter culture trip with our middle- and high-schoolers. It has been too cold to ski outside, so we have been practicing our ski drills indoors in preparation for the nicer weather soon to come.

As noted above, as of writing this on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the school and teacher housing units currently have no running water. The students and community have been incredibly helpful with this problem, helping hauling water and shovel snow when necessary. Daryl Petruska, along with the electricians who were out to work on the city's power plant, have also been helpful in troubleshooting and trying to find the source of the problem.

Resolution 01-2024  
Revised IASD Going Green Simultaneously Program

**WHEREAS:** Students in IASD realize that we don't recycle or reuse a lot at school, we just take it to the dump and burn it, preferring to discard waste in landfills and incineration facilities, and

**WHEREAS:** While some other schools may attempt to be more environmentally friendly by implementing recycling programs, ours simply allows trash to pile up on campus, and

**WHEREAS:** Students don't have access to recycling materials so there is no student interest, and

**WHEREAS:** Students often walk past litter without a second thought, further contributing to the growing clutter, and

**WHEREAS:** There is wasted electric and heat energy at our schools due to open windows, or lights that don't need to be left on.

**WHEREAS:** Students recognize that there is a lack of leadership to lead the students to wanting a cleaner school environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF THE IDITAROD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, THAT:**

We, the Iditarod Area School District Student Government Association believe that collectively as district students, we can make a positive change and be a model for the entire state of Alaska in protecting our environment if we:

1. show leadership in the area of recycling, reusing, and upcycling at each of our schools.
2. find ways to reduce our school garbage.
3. reduce energy consumption in the school by turning off lights throughout the day, especially when they aren't being utilized.
4. **designate a time 30 minutes per week, Thursdays at 11:30 am-12:00 pm in which all the schools simultaneously do something "green"** (i.e. gathering recyclable materials, stomping cans, recycling paper, gathering ink/toner cartridges, picking up trash on school grounds or other designated areas or creating something from trash, or turning off the lights in the school for 30 minutes, plant care, hydroponics harvest, composting, etc.).

5. report back at each SGA meeting on what they are doing "green" at their school.
6. will encourage school maintenance and administration to find ways to help conserve energy at our schools, start recycling programs, and celebrate Earth Day.

Submitted and signed by:

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Nick Curiel Chairperson, McGrath, IASD SGA

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Daniel Lyman, Vice Chairperson, McGrath, IASD SGA

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Fairah Huntington, Anvik, Secretary, IASD SGA

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Kyla Martinez, Takotna, Treasurer, IASD SGA

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Brieena Shelborne, McGrath, Kuskokwim Student Representative, IASD SGA

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Haylen Nicholi, Shageluk, Yukon-Innoko Student Representative, IASD SGA

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Mary Duncan-Chase, Anvik, Student Representative/Co-Author

January 10, 2024  
DATE

**Iditarod Area School District Student Government Association**

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

3:15-4:15 PM

**Wednesday, JANUARY 10, 2024**

**MINUTES**

I. Call to Order: Chairman, Nick Curiel: 3:25 PM

Current Officers: Nick Curiel, McGrath, Chairperson  
Mallory Dutchman, Vice Chairperson  
Fairah Huntington, Anvik: Secretary  
Treasurer  
Briena Shelborne: Kuskokwim IASD Student Representative to the Board  
Haylen Nicholi: Yukon IASD Student Representative to the Board

II. Roll Call:

Anvik: PRES  
Grayling: ABS  
Holy Cross: ABS  
McGrath: PRES  
Nikolai: ABS  
Shageluk: PRES  
Takotna: PRES

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Lead by JosieAnn of Anvik

IV. Introduction of Guests: No guests

V. Reading of Last Meeting's Minutes:

Sydney motioned to approve the last meeting's minutes, Kyla 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

VI. Resignation of Mallory Dutchman:

Joy read Mallory's resignation. She's attending school in Valdez. Fairah motioned to accept her resignation, Natalee 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

VII. School Reports: What's going on at each of our schools?

Anvik: MAPs testing  
Grayling: ABS  
Holy Cross: ABS  
McGrath: AI and TCC Health folks having a workshop there, MAP testing  
Nikolai: ABS  
Shageluk: Had a New Year's school party first day back, MAP testing currently.  
Takotna: Will do MAP testing next week. 3 students traveling to EXCEL.

VIII: Going Green Reports

Anvik: Turning off lights when not in use, reusing steel cans, keeping door shut.  
Grayling: ABS  
Holy Cross: ABS

McGrath: Saving food to feed the animals they are raising, turning off lights.

Nikolai: ABS

Shageluk: Recycling plastic bottles, aluminum cans, paper, batteries, composting veg. Scraps, turning off lights.

Takotna: Using the air purifier, going to start a recycling program.

IX. Other Reports: Haylen Nicholi's report on the IASD Board meeting from Jan 9 and Briena Shelborne if she is able to log on

Haylen gave his report.

X. Immediate Action Item: Appoint someone from the current SGA group to fill the Treasurer and Vice-Chair position. We will go through a faster election process.

Daniel made a motion to appoint Kyla Martinez for the Treasurer position, Natalee 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC  
CONGRATULATIONS, TREASURER KYLA!

Natalee made a motion to appoint Daniel Lyman as Vice-Chair, Kyla 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC  
CONGRATULATIONS, VICE-CHAIR DANIEL!

XI. Old Business

1. Review Letters and Awards program, check into letter jackets: Joy will set up a work session next week. **Informational**

2. Review Recycling "Going Green" Resolution: FINAL!  
Ready to vote on going green resolution? Decide on a specific day of the week and time?

Final discussion on DAY and TIME the Going Green Simultaneously Resolution. A majority of the SGA voted in favor of each THURSDAY from 11:30 am-12:00 pm to do "something green" (that's why it's an activity that's done SIMULTANEOUSLY in all 7-schools even if it's just turning of the lights in your classroom for 30-minutes)

Mary Chase-Duncan motioned to accept and ratify the 01-2024 Going Green Resolution. Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

This resolution has now become an active policy in IASD schools.

Daniel motioned to table the rest of the meeting due to time.  
Natalee 2<sup>nd</sup>. MC

3. SGA Bylaws: Divide up the by-laws by sections for revision using Wheel of Names to select the 5 section assignments.

4. Haylen: Handbook Discussion Progress

## XII. New Business-

1. What do we do if we don't have a quorum in order to vote? (By-laws inclusion)
2. What to do with a tie vote? According to several Robert's Rules of Order explanations that I have researched, a tie is broken by the Chairperson's vote. In our SGA, the Chairperson already votes. We need an odd number of votes to break a tie? BRAINSTORM ways to do this! (By-laws inclusion)
3. Does the SGA need more meetings? The bylaws currently state that the SGA meets twice per month.
4. COVID-19: Masking up during times of sickness/viruses going around to prevent the spread, like how we did during COVID-19.
5. More activities needed to make our district more active

### DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

JAN 23, OFFICER'S MEETING. JAN 25, REGULAR MEETING

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Haylen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sydney 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 1, 2024

For more information contact: Joyce Turner, 907-574-0304

The AASB Board of Directors Proclaims February as School Board Appreciation Month

The Association of Alaska School Boards has declared February to be School Board Appreciation Month, a time to honor school board members and to express appreciation for their contributions.

The Iditarod Area School District is joining with other districts throughout Alaska to recognize the important contributions board members make to their communities.

“Alaskans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 300 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Alaska,” said Dr. PJ Ford Slack, Superintendent of Iditarod Area School District.

“These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education,” Dr. Ford Slack said. “They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making in education.

“Even though we are making a special effort during February to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part,” Dr. Ford Slack said. “They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students.”

Throughout the month, each Board member will be invited to join the school children for lunch.

Congratulations to all of our Board Members: Alice Dale, Kathy Walker-Chase, Ann Short, Rudy Hamilton, Ken Chase, Dough Heath and Kim Wortman.





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**To:** Alice Dale, Chairman 24-037  
Members of the School Board

**Through:** PJ Ford Slack, PhD

**From:**

**Date:** December 14, 2023

**Subject:** **Review of BP 5124 Communication with Parents**

**The proposal:** AASB has requested that each Board review their policy of how and when the teachers are communicating with parents and what information is being shared.

Our policy states that there are regular communications through letters, newsletters, phone calls, and teacher conferences.

Each teacher has communicated with parents and communities throughout the semester. Site reports are monthly from the Principal/Teacher to the Board to keep them informed as the activities and learning that is happening within each school.

Action: The Board needs to review the writing of this policy and have the three readings to update for AASB records.

*We have been fortunate to have dedicated staff to keep the parents and community included in all communications and activities at their school.*

Attach: BP 5124

## **Students**

### **COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**BP 5124**

Because parental involvement contributes greatly to student achievement and conduct, the Iditarod School Board encourages frequent communication between parents/guardians and teachers by means of parent-teacher conferences, class newsletters, mail, telephone, and school visits by parents/guardians.

*(cf. 1250- Visits to School)*

*(cf. 6020- Parent Involvement)*

Parent/Teacher conferences shall be scheduled at least two times per year, close to the end of each quarter, four times per year is encouraged. These may be arranged at school or at the children's home.

As part of this communication, teachers shall send progress reports and other data relating to standardized testing results to parents/guardians at regular intervals and shall encourage parents/guardians to communicate any concerns to the teacher.

*(cf. 5113- Absences and Excuses)*

*(cf. 5121- Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*

*(cf. 5146.6- Notifications Required by Law)*

*(cf. 6146.1- High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency)*

*(cf. 6146.5- Elementary School Promotions/Standards of Proficiency)*

*(cf. 6162.5- Research/ Standardized Testing)*



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**To:** Alice Dale, Chairman  
Members of the School Board 24-038

**Through:** PJ Ford Slack, PhD

**From:**

**Date:** December 14, 2023

**Subject:** **Review of BP 6161.1 Selection of Instructional Materials**

**The proposal:** AASB has requested that the Board review this policy to make sure all groups are involved with the selection of instructional materials.

Guidelines should be in place for a committee to review instructional materials in a timely manner.

Action: This policy needs to follow the review process of three readings before being updated in our policy manual.

Attach: BP 6161.1 Selection of Instructional Materials.

## Instruction

### SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

### BP 6161.1 (a)

Note: AS 14.18.060 requires board to have instructional materials reviewed for evidence of sex bias, to use educationally sound, unbiased materials, and to provide training on sex-biases materials. AS 14.08.111 requires school boards to establish procedures for the review of materials, including compliance with AS 14.18.060.

The Iditarod School Board believes that instructional materials should be selected and evaluated with great care so that they are educationally sound and unbiased. Instructional materials should support the adopted courses of study and meet current curricular goals.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures by which new instructional materials may be requested and subsequently evaluated, together with existing materials. The review of instructional materials shall be coordinated with the overall development and evaluation of the district's curriculum. Teachers, students, parents/guardians and community members shall have the opportunity to recommend instructional materials. The district shall provide training for certified personnel in the recognition of sex-biased materials.

*(cf. 6141- Curriculum Development and Evaluation)*

The Iditarod School Board shall establish instructional material evaluation committees. These committees may include teachers, administrators and other staff who have subject matter expertise, as well as parents/guardians and or community members broadly representative of the district's ethnic and socioeconomic composition. Staff members who participate in selecting and/or evaluating instructional materials shall be those most competent for the task because of their professional training, experience and assignments. The majority of each evaluation committee's membership shall be teachers.

Individuals who participate in selecting and evaluating instructional materials shall have no financial interest in the materials being reviewed, recommended, or approved.

*(cf. 3315- Relations with Vendors)*

*(cf. 9270- Conflict of Interest)*

## **Instruction**

### **SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL**

**BP 6161.1 (b)**

### **MATERIALS (continued)**

Recommendations for the adoption and/or withdrawal of instructional materials shall be presented to the Iditarod School Board by the Superintendent or designee and shall include documentation including available data to support the recommendations. All recommended materials shall be displayed and available for public inspection at the district office.

*(cf. 1312.2 Complaints concerning Instructional Materials.)*

*(cf. 3270 Sale and Disposal of books, equipment and supplies)*

#### **Legal Reference**

##### ALASKA STATUTES

*11.56.100-11.56.130 Bribery and related offenses*

*14.07.050 Selection of textbooks*

*14.07.057 Transmittal of textbook selections*

*14.08.111 Duties*

*14.14.110 Cooperation with other districts*

*14/18/060 Discrimination in textbooks and instructional materials prohibited*

##### ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

*4 AAC 06.550 Review of instructional materials*

*4 AAC 06.6000 Definitions*

## **Instruction**

### **SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (continued)**

**AR 6161.1 (A)**

#### **General Criteria for Selection and Evaluation**

The district shall assess the educational suitability of instructional materials according to the following criteria:

1. Relationship to the adopted courses of study and current curricular goals.
2. Contribution to a comprehensive, balanced curriculum.
3. Reliable quality of scholarship as evidenced by:
  - a. Accurate up-to-date and well documented curriculum
  - b. Objective presentation of diverse viewpoints
  - c. Clear, concise writing and appropriate vocabulary
  - d. Thorough treatment of subject
4. Fair and balanced portrayal of people with regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex and handicap.
5. Provision a wide range of materials on all levels of difficulty, with appeal to students of varied interests, abilities and maturity levels.
6. Inclusion of materials which stimulate discussion of contemporary issues and improve students' thinking and decision-making skills.
7. Contribution to the proper articulation of instruction through grade levels.
8. Quality and durability of paper, binding etc.
9. Availability of corresponding version in languages other than English.
10. Availability and quality of corresponding teacher's guides.

Whenever possible, the district shall consider at least three different textbooks before recommending one for adoption.

Library books and reference materials do not require committee recommendation or Iditarod School Board approval. The librarian at each school shall select these materials in consultation with the Principal/Principal-Teacher, department chairpersons and teachers.

*(cf. 6131.1 Library/Media centers)*

Instruction

SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS (continued)

AR 6161.1 (b)

Conflict of Interest

Persons evaluating instructional materials for purchase by the district shall not:

1. Be employed by any person, firm or organization submitting instructional material to the district.
2. Have r negotiate a contractual relationship with any such person, firm or organization.
3. Receive any compensation from any such person, firm or organization or any of its subsidiaries or controlling entities.
4. Have an interest as a contributor, author, editor or consultant in any textbook or other instructional material submitted to the district.
5. Discuss any instructional material or related proposal which has been or is likely to e submitted to the district with the person, entity or representative submitting it, except in a meeting scheduled and authorized by the Iditarod School Board or by the Iditarod School Board appointed committee studying instructional materials.
6. Attend workshops, seminars or social events sponsored by publishers, producers or vendors of instructional materials.

Individuals formerly employed as consultants on textbooks or other materials shall not be deemed to be financially interested in the selection or evaluation of instructional materials provided they:

1. Have not had a contractual relationship or received compensation for such consultant service for two years before serving on the committee, and
2. Retain no right to compensation accruing while they serve on the committee.

Persons shall not be disqualified from serving on review committees if they disclose their financial interest and the Iditarod School Board finds the interest remote enough to permit the individual's participation.



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Board of Education Meeting

Regular Meeting

Minutes

January 9, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9955055562?pwd=T2F2akpCYVRHQlpLdkMvVzJHMThGZz09>

Meeting ID: 995 505 5562

Passcode: 372181

Phone Number: 1-253-205-0468

**4:00 Board Meeting**

**I Call to Order**

**Chairperson Ali Dale called meeting to order at 4:03**

**II Roll Call**

Name	Vote
Kim Wortman	Present
Ken Chase	Present
Kathy Chase	Present
Open Seat	
Alice Dale	Present
Rudy Hamilton	Present
Doug Heath	Present

Quorum was established with six of six members present.

**III Mission Statement**

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**IV Introduction of Guests**

Breana Shelborne from SGA, Haylen Nicholi from SGA, Kristen Willis from Nikolai, Phil Runkle from Nikolai.

**V Director Reports**

**Financial Report- Elena Begojevic-** due to the holiday schedule, no financial report was given.

**Superintendent Report- Dr. PJ Ford Slack- attached to packet.** Teacher resigned due to personal issues. Housing is problem all over the district. Looking at contracts for all sites. Working with John Bruce and recruitment.

**VI Site Reports**

Introduction of New Staff: Dale Richesin- Jenny Bocani

Matthew Shelborne- Student Teacher Maggie Mitchell

Site Presentation- Jacob Mosier, Top of the Kuskokwim School, Nikolai- Jacob shared that Dancing with the Spirit was part of their December festivities. Nikolai has ukuleles to play this semester. First Chief is here Phil Runkle. Kristen Willis here.

**VII Recognition and Awards**

Thank you to staff of Holy Cross, Takotna and District Office, Bob Pymn for keeping facilities “running” during the cold weather during the December school break.

**VIII Communications**

-MOA with SouthCentral Foundation for McGrath, Takotna, and Nikolai (no action needed)

-Letter of Interest from Ann Short- directive to contact her for February meeting and taking Oath of Office.

**IX Public Comment** (Limited to 3 minutes and must be added to the agenda twenty-four hours prior to the meeting)

Alice Dale- Nation to Nation trip to Washington DC. Ali shared her experience in Washington regarding the conference. Broadband and health are emphasis. Grant funding available for language.

**X Agenda Modification**

**Modify:** Rudy Hamilton asked to have a resolution as action item. 24-042- J-1 visa teachers. Continuation of support for program with Philippians teachers.

Addition : Need to acknowledge teacher’s length of service. Send to TCC for annual meeting. 24-043. TCC annual recognition.

Addition to Discussion: Budget- write up a presentation to Legislators.

**Motion:** Dough Heath moved to approve modified agenda with the addition of 24-042 and 24-043. Remove 24-036 Doug moved. Ken Chase seconded.

Name	Vote
Kim Wortman	Yes
Ken Chase	Yes

Kathy Chase	Yes
Open Seat	
Alice Dale	Yes
Rudy Hamilton	Yes
Doug Heath	Yes

Motion carried with six of six affirmative votes.

Approval of Consent Agenda

**Motion:** Doug Heath moved to approve consent agenda as modified. Ken Chase seconded.

**24-034 Approval of October 25 Meeting Minutes**

**24-035 Approval of December 12 Meeting Minutes**

**24-036 Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

**24-037 First reading of BP 5124 Policy Review**

**24-038 First Reading of BP 6161 Selection of Instructional Materials**

**24-039 Approval of Impact Aid Grant**

**24-040 Approval of Resolution 24-02 Support for EXCEL Alaska Grant Application**

**24-041 Approval of BDS Architect Contract- For Minutes and Archive**

Name	Vote
Kim Wortman	Yes
Ken Chase	Yes
Kathy Chase	Yes
Open Seat	
Alice Dale	Yes
Rudy Hamilton	Yes
Doug Heath	Yes

Motion carried with six of six affirmative votes.

**24-042- Letter of support for Visa teachers.**

**Motion:** Rudy Hamilton moved to send letter of support for J-1 Teacher Visa Program. Kathy Chase seconded.

Name	Vote
Kim Wortman	Yes
Ken Chase	Yes
Kathy Chase	Yes
Open Seat	
Alice Dale	Yes

Rudy Hamilton	Yes
Doug Heath	Yes

Motion carried with six of six affirmative votes.

**24-043- letter to TCC recognize long term employees at annual convention including original list of employees.**

**Motion:** Rudy Hamilton moved to send a list to TCC recognizing long term employees . Kathy Chase seconded.

Name	Vote
Kim Wortman	Yes
Ken Chase	Yes
Kathy Chase	Yes
Open Seat	
Alice Dale	Yes
Rudy Hamilton	Yes
Doug Heath	Yes

**Motion carried with six of six affirmative votes.**

**XII Discussion Agenda**

1. Budget work session- Work session planned for January 23, 4:00.
2. Top of the Kuskokwim School Future- Numbers in Nikolai are short. Registered at 8 with state. Maintain same number there are three from preschool. High school would stay. Tribe starting to build 7 houses in Nikolai. Looking in to more housing to bring back families. Jobs will bring in work of construction. May be a slump next year and will need to work through next year budget and student numbers. Looking at saving energy costs.

**XIII Board Comments**

Rudy Hamilton- Good Progress through meeting. Comfortable with direction.

Ken Chase- Find ways to keep students. Music and sports.

Kathy Chase- good well. Participation is good start.

Doug Heath- Look into more programs.

Kim Wortman- partner with local entities to boost participation.

Alice Dale- we need to get sports back. Work together.

**XIV Final Items/ Adjournment**

Chairperson adjourned meeting at 5:46.

Next meeting: February 20 Meeting through Zoom

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Joyce Turner, Secretary**

Iditarod Area School District

Regular Board Meeting

January 9, 2024





**Iditarod Area School District**  
**PO Box 90**  
**McGrath, AK 99627**

**To:** Alice Dale, Chairman  
Members of the School Board

**Through:** PJ Ford Slack, PhD  
**From:**

**Date:** January 12, 2024

**Subject:** **AR 3512- Equipment**

**The proposal:** We need to tighten the policy of equipment use by community people.

**Project Description:** The Policy of equipment use does not include vehicle (truck, snow machine, four wheeler) use by staff family members.  
This AR will help to define who can and cannot use the vehicle through the school year.

This is an addition to BP 3512 and will be effective at date of passing.

**Business and Non-Instructional Operations**

**Equipment**

**AR 3512**

**USE OF SCHOOL VEHICLES:** To eliminate the potential of loss liability in connection with an accident resulting from the use of a school vehicle by a non-school entity or organization, the superintendent is obligated to restrict the use of said vehicles to authorized employees or designees for approved school business, functions or activity/athletic purposes only within the city limits.

Iditarod Area School District  
Date of Review: February, 2024  
Date of Adoption: February, 2024

Date of Adoption: December 8, 2020

LEGEND	
C School Closes	O School Opens
E End of Quarter	S Saturday School
H Legal Holiday	T Testing
I Inservice Day	V Vacation Day
M Meeting	W Teacher Workday
N Not Meeting	X Emergency Closure Day

District: Iditarod Area School District / School: DISTRICT WIDE  
2023-2024 School Calendar

'2023-2024'

Approved By: Title:

[170] Student days [10] Inservice days [180] Total

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**To:** Alice Dale, Chairman  
Members of the School Board

**Through:** PJ Ford Slack, PhD  
**From:**

**Date:** January 16, 2024

**Subject:** **2024-2025 Calendar**

**The proposal:** Calendar suggestions

**Project Description:** **Principal suggestions for the 2024-2025 school calendar**

Blackwell School asked for a full w-week break at Christmas and a spring break for mental well-being.

McGrath School is asking for the day after Halloween to be an in-service day. This would assist in the better attendance for November 1.

Innoko River School suggested there be a work day or in-service day placed after each end of the quarter for completing grades and reports.

David Louis Memorial school requests that

First Day for students, August 12 or August 19.

2. Nov 27-28-29 for Thanksgiving
3. 3 weeks for Christmas, Dec 16-Jan 5
4. Link In service dates to other Federal Holidays,

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January 24th, 2024

Iditarod Area School District  
P.O. Box 90  
McGrath, AK 99627

Re: Priority Need for Back-Up Generator at McGrath's School – The Designated Emergency Center

Dear Iditarod Area School District:

During the McGrath Energy Planning Meetings held January 16-18 in McGrath, a priority topic of discussion for the community was the lack of back-up power at the McGrath School which is designated as the community's emergency center. As Tanana Chief's Conference (TCC) Rural Energy Specialist I have assisted in back-up power systems being funded, installed, and commissioned; as well as assisted in the operation and maintenance.

With permission from the attendees at the Planning Meetings, we request that the Iditarod Area School District consider the need for back-up power at the McGrath School be a high- and pressing-priority not only for the school but for the community as a whole due to the school being a designated emergency center. Well known to be in one of the most inaccessible, roadless, regions of the state, McGrath's mail, medicines, fuel and goods must travel to McGrath by air or river. Bulk shipments of diesel and gasoline are transported over 2,000 miles via barge to McGrath.

Without the back-up generator, the McGrath School would not be a suitable location in the case of a community wide emergency as there would be no power to provide heat nor lights. Having had discussions with community members it appears there is a 20 kW Cummins Onan Genset on-site, in the School's Storage Building, a pad for the genset, and there was previously a quote from MAG Electric for the electrical installation needed to 'hook-up' the genset. It is my understanding that funding is one of the limiting factors for getting the genset connected to the school's electrical panel.

TCC encourages that the Iditarod Area School District pursue funding to finalize the installation of a back-up diesel generator at the McGrath School. Tanana Chiefs Conference's Energy Division can aid in determining eligible funding sources, get an updated cost estimate/materials list, as well as manage the installation of this project.

Sincerely,



Eddie Dellamary  
TCC Rural Energy Specialist  
[edward.dellamary@tananachiefs.org](mailto:edward.dellamary@tananachiefs.org)



**Iditarod Area School District**  
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**To:** Alice Dale, Chairman  
Members of the School Board  
Discussion Agenda

**Through:** PJ Ford Slack, PhD

**From:**

**Date:** January 24, 2024

**Subject:** **Emergency Generator for McGrath School**

**The proposal:** The city of McGrath and MTNT Light and Power are requesting that we proceed with the emergency generator project.

**Project Description:** It is a matter of safety for McGrath to have an emergency generator functioning for the town to have available in a city-wide emergency.

The school is the emergency shelter so the focus to have an emergency generator ready to help in a city-wide emergency will give the city a second level of safety.

The school district started this project a few years ago when they were gifted a large generator from FAA. The district purchased materials to build a building to house the generator and got as far as the foundation for the building set but the actual generator being moved and hooked up did not happen.

Attached: TCC letter of support