



Superintendent's Report  
August 13, 2019

**Staffing:**

- ❖ GMS - Still searching for K-4 teacher
- ❖ GMSHS - Still searching for Math/Science teacher

**Superintendent Travel (Out of District):**

- ❖ Fall Conference September 25-29

**District Travel:**

- ❖ All district staff travel will be discussed during our August Leadership meeting aimed towards (Reduction in Cost)
  - > Essential travel - Site visits, conferences, etc
  - > Coordinated travel with plane

**Legislative Update:**

7/29/19 - The Senate passed HB 2001 this afternoon on a vote of 17 to 1. The Senate added back funding for the school bond debt reimbursement and REAA school construction programs. The bill adds back funding for Pre-K programs, Online with Libraries, Live Homework Help, the Alaska State Council on the Arts, public broadcasting, mental health, homelessness and domestic violence grants, and funding for the crime bill and court system. The next hurdle is whether or not the Governor will sign or veto.

**School Construction Project:** Will be for discussion during August Board meeting.

From Tim Mearig (EED): Board action by the KSD School Board to take possession of the existing elementary school in Aniak cannot be accepted by DEED as a unilateral action. As communicated previously, the current project agreement, accepted and signed by the district, is based on the Elementary School (290010-01) and Generator Shed (290010-04 being abated of hazards and demolished. The agreement does include an option that would permit these buildings to be removed from the site and transferred to an eligible entity, all or part, in lieu of demolition. There is no option in the current agreement for the district to receive title and to keep the buildings. We continue to advocate for, and request assistance from the district, the transfer of the buildings to another entity.

If the district truly does desire to retain the buildings, we will need that request in writing along with a plan on what use the district plans to make of the buildings. The plan will need to include a feasibility and financial capacity analysis for implementing the intended use, along with a schedule. DEED will review this plan and proceed according to our understanding of the state's best interest.

**Additional Information:**

- ❖ Purchase of the SEND North house has been completed and is rented out to the new fourth grade teacher and family.

**Important Dates:**

**PEAKS TESTING RESULTS:**

**September 5** - Public release of state, district, school, and subgroup data on [DEED website](#)

**September 25** - Deadline for district distribution of reports to teachers and parents