

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** NWABSD Board of Education  
Members

**DATE:** January 20, 2025

**NUMBER:** 26-070

**FR:** Office of the Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Approve 6-Year  
Teacher Housing  
Priority List

**STRATEGIC PLAN/BOARD GOAL:**

Goal 4: Support Systems  
Strategy 3: Improve School Facilities  
Goal 4: Operational Improvement  
Objective 1: Optimize Business Operations

**ABSTRACT:**

Board approval is required for purchases that exceed \$50,000. There is no cost to developing and utilizing this priority list. Costs will be presented in project specific memos as appropriate.

**ISSUE:**

At issue is approval of the 6-Year Teacher Housing Priority List.

**BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

The administration is requesting approval of the attached 2026 6-Year Teacher Housing priority list to allow preparation of applications as required. Years of planned submission and construction are listed on the attached list.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Capital Improvement Funds

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the 6-Year Teacher Housing Priority list as presented;
2. Disapprove the 6-Year Teacher Housing Priority list as presented;
3. Take no final action.

**ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the 6-Year Teacher Housing Priority list as presented.

**ATTACHMENT:**

2026 6-Year Teacher Housing Priority List

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH School District  
2026 – 2032 Six-Year Teacher Housing Priorities**

**2026 SIX YEAR TEACHER HOUSING PRIORITY LIST**

District Priority	Project Type	Project Title & Description	Year Application	Construction Year	Rough Order of Magnitude
1	R	Ambler 7 units –Needs cosmetic facelift, sprinklers, Fire Alarm, etc. If we pursue only the AHFC grant, that will mean a much larger District Match.	2026	2027	\$5M
2	N	Ambler Principal House - replace with duplex	2026	2027	\$1.5M
3	N	Noorvik – Need 4 more units, so make submit two AHFC in the same year. Currently, there are married people who will leave, making a housing shortage for new hires. Also, some current people own their own homes, so when they leave, district will be short units.	2027	2028	\$3M
4	N	Kotzebue – District is short 34 units to supply all staff with housing. If we pursue only the AHFC grant, that will mean a much larger District Match.	2028	2029	\$35M
5	N	Deering – Need 4 more units, one should be a 3-bedroom. There are empty lots at new intersection with DOT airport road. 66’ units can be built at west end of NIHA 2013 housing and then moved to new school site. Also, there is empty land west of new tank farm.	2029	2030	\$4.5M
6	N	Kivalina 3-bedroom	2030	2031	\$2M
7	N	Shungnak - 3 bedroom	2031	2032	\$2M