

# NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## Nunamiut School Closure

Superintendent Peggy Cowan announced the temporary closure of Nunamiut School in Anaktuvuk Pass, beginning tomorrow (Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>) through and including Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. "Absenteeism has risen sharply. To give students time to recuperate and prevent the further spread of illness, we decided to close the school. Our staff is working diligently to assure continuity of instruction to our students."

Commissioner Larry LeDoux of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) announced last week the implementation of emergency regulations to cover school closure in these circumstances. "We appreciate the Commissioner's foresight in putting forward regulations for us to follow. We wrote and submitted our emergency closure plan, and used it to guide our decision and response in this situation, which was really helpful." said Cowan.

The North Slope Borough School District (NSBSD) is focused on the health of students across the Slope, and also with continuing of instruction to students. "Our staff at Nunamiut has prepared lesson plans in advance, and our staff is going to deliver them to students throughout the village" said Principal Brian Freeman. "One unique element of our response that anyone in bush Alaska will appreciate is that we are going to use the CB radio network in the village to communicate with students and parents each day about lessons and any ongoing developments."

NSBSD has submitted the District's Emergency Closure Plan, as called for in the new DEED regulations, along with a cover letter detailing the specific closure and response plan to continue instruction at Nunamiut School to Commissioner LeDoux.

The Superintendent and principals are continuing to monitor absenteeism rates across the District. They encourage all students and families to follow the preventive measures of washing hands, coughing into a sleeve or tissue, and staying home when ill.

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