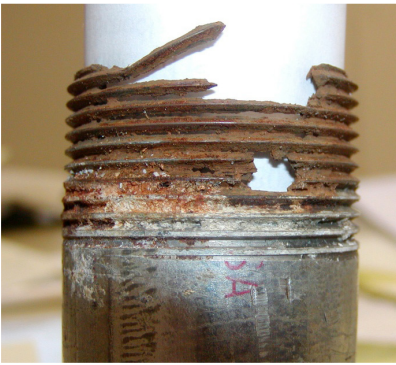


Letters of Commitment

Increasing Resilience of Rural, Disadvantaged School Districts in Alaska



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March 26, 2024

Dear Commissioner Bishop,

On behalf of the Alaska Municipal League (AML), please accept this letter of commitment for the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's application for the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG). We believe in the goals of this initiative, to address outstanding maintenance needs at rural Alaska schools identified through the Capital Improvements Program, helping school districts reduce their uniquely high energy burden while providing a healthier environment for students and the communities that depend on schools as extra lodging for visitors, gathering spaces, and emergency shelters.

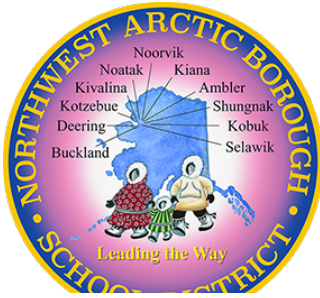
AML is excited to be a part of a potential generational opportunity for transformative impacts on the energy systems of disadvantaged, rural communities in Alaska. AML represents and works to support Alaska's 165 municipal governments in addressing their challenges. In line with our Infrastructure program and long-term work with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on the State of Alaska's CPRG planning grant, we intend to support DEED with planning support, community outreach, progress tracking, and energy data needs. As a sub-recipient, AML will support the application with workforce development infrastructure that will consist of aiding applicants with recruitment, skill development, and career navigation.

AML will begin working with DEC to establish a statewide tracking and reporting system for CPRG awardees to combine data in a singular database. The system will supplement sub-awardees with technical assistance provided to encourage timely reporting, with methodology consistent with the State's GHG emissions inventory. Lastly, AML will lead a statewide cohort of awardees to participate in CPRG planning and creation of a sustainability plan.

We look forward to this program and AML strongly supports the DEED proposal. Should it be selected, we welcome the opportunity to partner to initiate long-term emission reduction, greater resiliency to disruptive events, and economic and environmental benefits in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Nils Andreassen
Executive Director
Alaska Municipal League



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March 27, 2024

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Re: EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Letter of Commitment

Dear Ms. Morrison:

We appreciate the opportunity to be part of DEED and Alaska Municipal League's coalition for this grant. Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) gladly submits this letter of commitment to sign the MOA for the coalition's potential grant award.

Our district is a subdivision of Northwest Arctic Borough located in NW Alaska. Selawik, where the submitted project is located, is a community of 809 people on Tribal Land. 82% of our students are Alaskan Natives. 74.9% of the population earns less than \$21,507, the average 2022 earnings were \$14,634. Selawik meets the federal criteria of a Distressed community.

As you know, NWABSD and DEED have a long-standing working relationship that started almost 40 years ago. During that time, we have completed countless new construction and renovation projects together. Our district's projects have followed the requirements and programs as established by DEED. We have also actively participated in developing the requirements for funding utilization. NWABSD is committed to fully participating in the design, execution and participation in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant project.

Specifically, our Davis-Ramoth K-12 School Systems Renewal project in Selawik is an excellent match for this grant. Complete replacement of virtually all mechanical and electrical systems is this project's primary scope of work. On the mechanical side, that entails replacement of the diesel fired boilers and heating distribution system, HVAC controls, replacement of diesel fired fire pumps, efficiency upgrades to the ventilation system and improvements to the hot water generation system, also diesel fed. Electrical Scope of Work includes a new diesel fired generator module, lighting replacement and receptacle replacement. For envelope energy efficiency, we are doing window and exterior door upgrades.

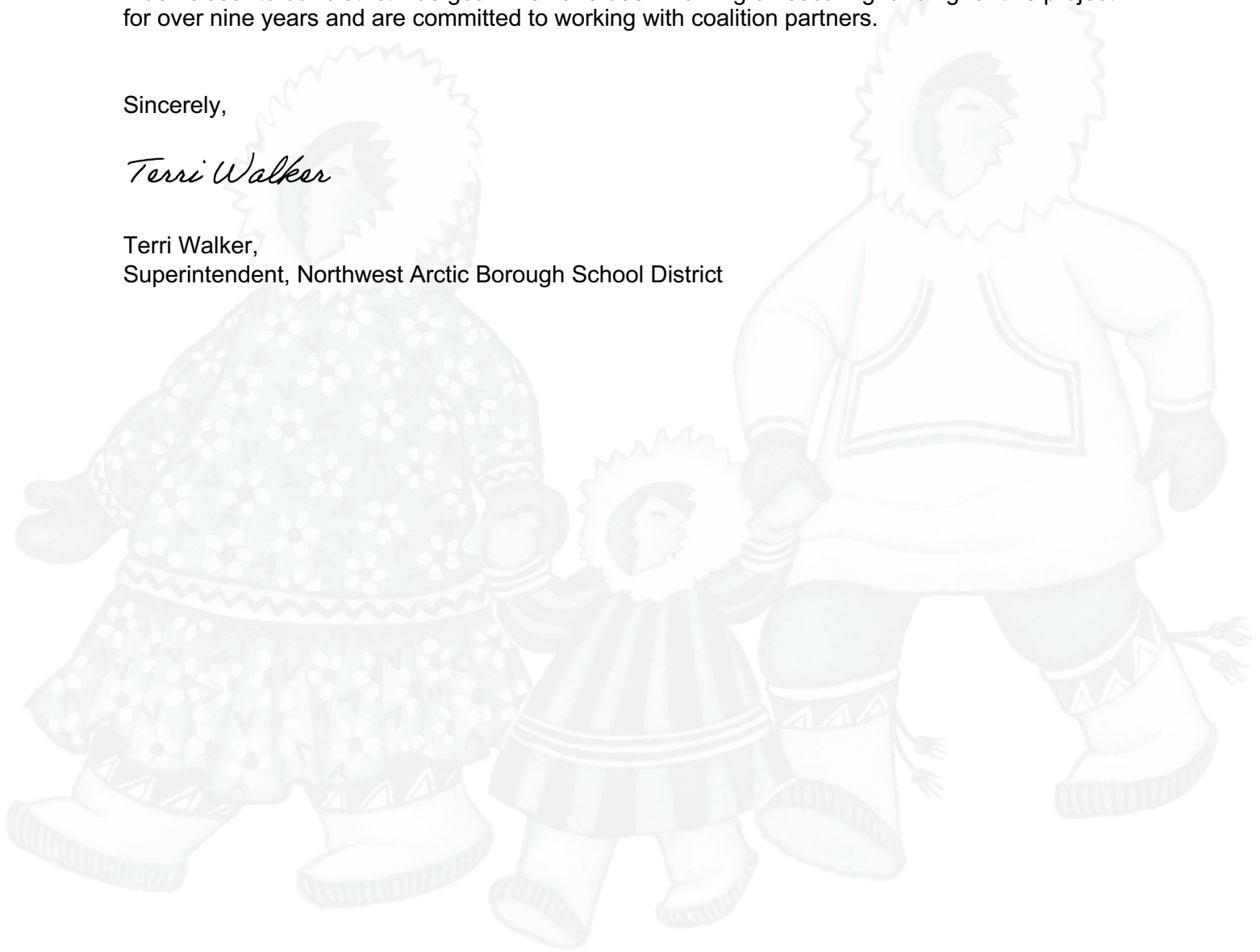
Included with our materials are resumes for key members of our team who help deliver our capital projects. Maintenance, operations and capital projects for our district include keeping 14 school campuses, including teacher housing units, in 10 remote communities operating. Major new construction projects range from \$46M to \$55M new schools and campuses. NWABSD covers 38,000 square miles, all on Tribal Lands, and there is no road access to any communities. All goods and services arrive by air or by seasonal barges.

Again, we greatly appreciate the opportunity to be part of this coalition and to increase the energy efficiency of our Selawik facility and operations. The opportunity to reduce our carbon emissions and footprint is part of all our projects. Completing this project in Selawik gets us that much closer to our districtwide goal. We have been working on securing funding for this project for over nine years and are committed to working with coalition partners.

Sincerely,

Terri Walker

Terri Walker,
Superintendent, Northwest Arctic Borough School District





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March 25, 2024

State of Alaska
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express our intent to participate in the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) and Alaska Municipal League's collaborative effort for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) with the US Environmental Protection Agency. Our project, the Thorne Bay K-12 School Mechanical Control Upgrades, has been identified by our Facilities team as a competitive endeavor that aligns with the CPRG's emissions reduction objectives and community benefits.

The Thorne Bay K-12 School Mechanical Control Upgrades project aims to enhance the mechanical control systems within the school infrastructure, specifically focusing on HVAC controls, boilers, and weatherization measures. By modernizing these systems, we anticipate a significant reduction in emissions, contributing to the overarching goal of environmental sustainability outlined by the CPRG initiative.

Furthermore, we recognize the importance of community benefits, particularly in rural and disadvantaged areas. Thorne Bay, being a rural community, stands to benefit significantly from this project. Improved energy efficiency and reduced emissions will create a healthier environment for students and staff and lead to long-term cost savings and resource optimization for the community.

Our team for the Thorne Bay K-12 School Mechanical Control Upgrades project comprises seasoned professionals. Leading the charge is our Maintenance Director, Scott Randall, with 10 years of invaluable experience in overseeing mechanical systems' efficiency and functionality. Additional team members include our State & Federal Programs/Grants Coordinator Astrid Richard-Cook, an experienced educator with a proven track record in securing Federal, State, and private grants, and our Business Manager, Lucienne Smith, who has been an integral part of our operations for the past 18 years, ensuring meticulous financial management and contractual obligations. Together, their collective expertise and commitment underscore our dedication to delivering optimal solutions for this project.

We are committed to collaborating closely with DEED, the Alaska Municipal League, and other stakeholders to ensure the success of this project. Through rigorous planning, implementation, and ongoing monitoring, we aim to maximize the impact of the Thorne Bay K-12 School Mechanical Control Upgrades and serve as a model for similar initiatives in other communities.

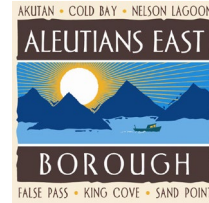
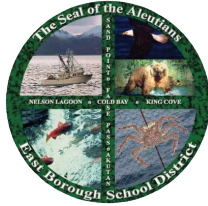
We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the CPRG application process and are fully dedicated to meeting the program's requirements and objectives. Should you require additional information or clarification regarding our project, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-617-4755 or rmorrison@sisd.org.

Thank you for considering our letter of commitment. We look forward to the possibility of working together to advance environmental sustainability and community resilience through the CPRG initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Morrison", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rod Morrison
Superintendent



March 22, 2024

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
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Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500

To Whom It May Concern:

The Aleutians East Borough School District and the Aleutians East Borough (Borough) support the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's participation in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) with the US Department of Environmental Agency. Please accept this letter of commitment to actively participate in the CPRG grant on the school district and Borough's behalf for the Sand Point K-12 Major Maintenance Project.

With this commitment, the Aleutians East Borough agrees that:

- If the grant is awarded, the Aleutians East Borough will work in partnership with the school district to implement the grant.

The school district and the Borough are excited to be a part of this effort and look forward to working together on this project.

Sincerely,

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Michael Franklin
Aleutians East Borough School District Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Bailey".

Anne Bailey
Aleutians East Borough Administrator



Kuspuk School District

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Upper Kalskag | Lower Kalskag | Aniak | Crooked Creek | Chuathbaluk | Stony River | Sleetmute

March 22, 2024

Kuspuk School District understand that our role as a collaborative partner with SK DEED, EPA and CPRG Capital Grant will be a priority for Kuspuk School District. We look forward to working as a team on the Johnnie John Sr K-12 School Major Maintenance project:

- Support the deliverables of the grant though reduction of emissions in a disadvantaged community.
- Offer our expertise to manage and facilitate the grant.
- Support identifying credentials as defined in the grant.
- Contribute significantly to the grant though management, documenting and fiscal reporting for the project.
- Attend in person or remotely, the meetings held and, we will communicate with the team and the main coordinators to ensure mutual understanding of all activities.
- Actively participate in all requests for district assistance and response. we understand we may be asked to travel to meetings, participate in conference calls/webinars, and/or present research and data supporting the grant.

I have read and fully agree to this Letter of Commitment and look forward to assisting in this role.

Respectfully,

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