



MEMORANDUM

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Alaska State Senate

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Follow-up Responses

Within this memo and the attachment are responses from the Department of Education & Early Development to questions from the Senate Finance Committee on February 13, 2013.

1. What are the projected operating costs for Statewide Libraries Archives and Museum (SLAM) project?

Current Year:

- **FY 13 (projected) operating costs for Juneau LAM (leases, janitorial, etc.) \$961,062**

Projected First Year for opening of SLAM Building/Project:

- **FY 16 (projected) operating costs for Juneau LAM current facilities = \$1,034,343 – applying 2.5% inflation.**
- **FY 16 (projected) operating costs for SLAM = \$950,211 – applying 2.5% inflation**

2. How close, geographically, is the next school to Nightmute?

Response - Nightmute, in the Lower Kuskokwim School District, is one of three schools located on Nelson Island on the Bering Sea coast; the other two schools on Nelson Island are Toksook Bay and Tununak. Nightmute is across the island about 20 miles away from the next school and access is by air or snow machine. The Nightmute school is a K-12 school with 56 of the students in the elementary grades.

3. Please provide a copy of the Geo Tech report for Quinhagak school. **Please see attachment.**

4. Was St. Mary's ever on the Kasayulie settlement? Why is it not there now? Is it because it is a city school district and not a Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA)?

Response - The Kasayulie agreement was entered into between the plaintiffs and the state. The five schools slated to be funded through the Kasayulie settlement were ordered and ranked at the top of the department's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) construction list during the Kasayulie negotiations. At the time of the settlement agreement St. Mary's school district did not have a project on the construction list; the district had received a \$13 million major maintenance appropriation for renovation in 2008.