Teacher Turnover Drops in NASD

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Teacher turnover in the Northwest Arctic School District has dropped for the second year in a row. The district estimates that 26% (or 34 out of 132) of its teachers will not be returning next fail. The attrition rate after the 78-79 school year was 32%, while 44% of its teachers failed to return after the 77-78 school year.

Kotzebue, with the district's largest teacher staff, faces the highest turnover, with 8 of its teachers departing. Buckland is losing five teachers, Noatak is losing four, Deering and Noorvik, three each, Kivalina and Shungnak, two each, Kiana and Selawik, one each, kiana Ambler and Kobuk will lose no teachers at all.

The total figure of 34 teachers supplied by the district includes three teachers on leave who have decided not to return and two teachers who transferred from Kivalina to Noorvik during the school year and will not return.