

Northwest Arctic to test wood heat in Noatak school

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In an effort to reduce its heating costs and provide employment for village residents as well, the Kotzebue-based Northwest Arctic School District will develop a wood-fired heating system for a school now under construction in Noatak, located about 60 miles northwest of Kotzebue.

The project will be funded to the tune of \$225,000 by the Alaska Power Authority.

The District expects to involve Noatak residents in collecting the wood it will purchase to operate the system.

The district has also applied for grants totalling \$137,000 to develop instructional television

programming. If funded, the projects would be among the first undertaken by the district's newly-created Instructional Television department.

The projects for which the district wants state funds would:

- promote the idea that all television is educational in Alaska;

- illustrate cultural differences and similarities of family life in various areas of the state;

- show the geography and community life of Alaska;

- depict career opportunities in the NANA region; and

- illustrate the interrelatedness of economics and political activity in the region.