

# Fire-Razed Nondalton to Begin School

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA — The School year will start in the village on Nondalton next month. The fire which destroyed the six classroom school, warehouse, power plant, and a co-op store in the Native village Tuesday night has mobilized the efforts of numerous state agencies to alleviate the losses experienced by Nondalton's 250 residents.

The Alaska State-Operated School System, responsible for the operation of Nondalton's school, has initiated emergency plans to insure that a sound educational program will be available in the village on schedule.

"Through the strong support of the Governor's Office we have been able to move at full speed in pursuing several options," states Stanley Friese, Superintendent of the State-Operated School System.

"Arrangements are being finalized for the shipment of relocatable classrooms to Anchorage by barge. We are negotiating with the owners of the largest cargo plane in Alaska to carry the building to Iliamna. From there the structures will be either barged or skylifted to Nondalton," Friese noted.

Superintendent Friese stated that although the option of forced account construction of a complete new facility is open to the district, it is felt that in the interest of time and money, the relocatable classroom alternative would provide the best immediate solution.

"We will work with the village in relocating the school, as they have set apart 6 acres in a different part of the village for this purpose," Friese noted.

The relocatable structures will be placed on the present school site, and the school system will work with the Community to develop plans for a complete new facility.

The buildings being installed this year can be converted to teacher quarters, vocational and career-education workshops and a media center in the future, the Superintendent suggested. Costs

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of the relocatable structures and replacement equipment is estimated at \$450,000.

Fuel tanks will be rehabilitated, generators will be replaced, and school supplies destroyed in the fire are being re-ordered on an emergency basis. Clearing of the fire site has already begun and representatives from the school system met with village residents and advisory school board members in arranging for temporary school quarters for the month of September.

It is estimated that the new quarters will be ready in early October. State-Operated Schools staff will immediately begin working with faculty of the school on curriculum and program planning and replacement of materials and supplies.

State-Operated Schools staff will continue to work closely with the residents of Nondalton, the Alaska Disaster Office, State Departments of Public Works, Environmental Conservation, Community and Regional Affairs, the Governor's Office and other agencies and groups in its efforts to provide an educational program with as little interruption as possible.