



Nome Public Schools

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City Manager Glenn Steckman, The Honorable Mayor John Handeland &
Members of the Nome City Council

Dear Sirs:

This letter is to request that the City of Nome provide additional funding to Nome Public Schools in the amount of \$60,000 to cover additional costs of providing instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our budget in these turbulent times is an ever-shifting target, as we find unanticipated costs, and deal with the challenge of predicting the unpredictable. Additional funding from the City will allow us to minimize utilizing our fund balance to cover COVID related expenses which have arisen during the last several months, including costs during the current closure period.

We are requesting \$30,500 for plexiglass partitions for Nome Elementary School classrooms & cafeteria. Even when the District is able to re-open school for students, there is likely to be heightened concern about exposure for children, and these partitions will provide additional protections.

We are also requesting \$29,500 for the cost of a part-time assistant for the Extensions Correspondence program. We originally anticipated the time needed for this position to support this program would be in the vicinity of approximately 10 hours per week, but the rapid growth in enrollment (currently more than 60 students, all of which who have indicated they will continue homeschooling through second semester) has overtaxed our Homeschooling teacher and we have increased the number of hours for the assistant to 20 hours/week in response.

We are grateful for the additional assistance received from the City thus far this year to assist us with providing the best possible instructional opportunities for our children during the pandemic.

Sincerely,

Jamie Burgess, Superintendent
Nome Public Schools