



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Nancy Rock, Board President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Rich Carlson, Interim Superintendent

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THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Liz Noble, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

DATE: April 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000-Sylvan Learning

**Memo No. SB22-169
(Action Item)**

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1.0 STUDENT SUCCESS: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Inupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child.

4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

4.3 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & SUPPORTS: Create student-centered schools incorporating culture beyond curriculum into all aspects of our work including facilities and operations.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board policy, contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval. BP 3312

Background:

In 2019, one of the School Board's priorities/initiatives was the adoption of the Sylvan Learning Program. Sylvan provided an opportunity for students in Title I schools to participate in the Sylvan Learning tutoring program for school year 2019-2020. This school year, 2020-2021, Sylvan Learning has provided support, certification and tutoring for Point Hope, Point Lay, Wainwright, Hopson Middle School, Harold Kaveolook School and Nunamiut School. School year 2021-2021 three schools continued providing Sylvan tutoring as an option for students.

Sylvan Learning will continue to deliver instruction using a personalized and adaptive learning plan focused on students' academic success in reading and math district wide. A digital platform,

SylvanSync is used by the Sylvan instructors to provide individualized instruction, as well as motivate and engage students as they improve their math and reading skills. Training for Sylvan tutors at District schools includes live in-person hands-on tutor training with students and Sylvan University training courses such as SylvanSync Reading, SylvanSync Math, Table Management, and Tutoring Fundamentals.

For effective instruction, the Sylvan requirements are as follows:

- Minimum of 2 hours of instruction weekly
- Classified Staff- Student ratio: 1:3
- Target student population: Grades 2-12

During the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years, there was a total of 104 students across 7 schools in the North Slope Borough School District who received at least 1 session of tutoring in a Sylvan program. 29 of those students received at least 12 tutoring sessions, and they mastered an average of 20 skills each. 3 students completed at least 30 sessions in a single subject, and their progress assessments show an average growth of 75 Scaled Score points.

In the current school year, 4 students in Point Hope have just begun receiving tutoring in Sylvan programs in the past 2 months. One student has completed 12 sessions and has mastered 11 skills so far, while another one has received 11 tutoring sessions and mastered 14 skills to date.

Length of Contract: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Grant Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

Funded through Title II Grant

Amount: \$40,000

Available Budget:

Currently, there are no Grant Awards and no available budget for the corresponding contract to be encumbered to such Special Revenue Fund in FY22. It is expected that the District will continue to receive the Title II Grant Award for such Program Services in FY2023, in which at that time the identified contract can be encumbered under Account Code 270.200.351.000.410. This contract is subject to Grants Appropriation and in the event the Grant Funding is reduced and or not available in FY23 to support such program, the contract will be null and void. In such case, the District administration may consider bringing the contract back before the board for consideration with an alternative source of funding.

Compliance with BP3311:

Sylvan Learning is the only vendor that can provide Sylvan training and Sylvan certification for staff.

Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater proposals and

related contract with Sylvan Learning in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Advisory Vote _____ Vote _____