



## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Muriel Brower, President  
Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** Board Finance Committee

**THROUGH:** Pauline Harvey, Superintendent

**FROM:** Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** November 7, 2020

**SUBJECT:** North Slope Borough Project Review Committee  
Seat Appointment Request

**Memo No. SB21-077**  
(Action Item)

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#### NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

2.0 Community Engagement: Foster collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community.

2.1 Communication: Advance on-going 2-way communication, participation and interaction within the school and between the school and community, building the bridge of trust.

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.1 Facilities: Establish safe, modern and high-performing learning facilities.

4.2 Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

4.4 Organizational Effectiveness: Structure the organization to operate with efficiency and better serve our students.

#### NSBSD Policy Manual:

The Board may appoint any of its members to serve on advisory committees or as its representative to other public agencies or organizations when the Board deems such appointments desirable, contingent on acceptance of the appointment by the member.

#### Issue Summary:

With the recent discussions of collaborating with the North Slope Boroughs Capital Improvement Program Management and Public Works, the Finance Committee is recommending the Board approve the Superintendent or designee, in this case, the Chief Financial Officer, be included in the North Slope Borough Project Review Committee in the form of a seat appointment by the Borough Mayor and further ratified by the Borough Assembly.

#### Background:

The NSBSD Board Finance Committee met on October 23, 2020 to discuss the Maintenance & Operations departmental needs in terms life, health, and safety. The list of deferred maintenance items from the previous years have now turned into a safety hazard now requiring extensive repairs that may displace students and staff from the school.

Historically, the School District has primarily managed the School District CIP projects. In recent years, the Borough has taken such responsibility in-house and designated a project manager to work on such educational projects.

The State of Alaska has extended the suspension of the School Debt Reimbursement Program beyond FY2020 to 2025 through HB 106. The School Debt Reimbursement Program was initially suspended in 2015. Prior to 2015, Municipalities could bond for school construction/major maintenance and get a percentage reimbursed by the state. The percentage (originally ranging from 60 to 70%) reimbursed depends on type of project and the date the bond was approved by voters.

With the Districts aging infrastructure (in excess of 40 years), and the Borough's option to exercise the 375% modifier providing more funding on Operations as opposed to Debt Service, has provided significant financial pressures on the District's O&M Budget as more maintenance and upkeep is required to maintain the health, life and safety of the students and educators within the schools.

Considering Mr. Limani's previous employment with the Borough and his extensive understanding of the Borough's finances including of the CIP Process, the Bond Issuance and related Bond Sales, the Finance Committee believes this request of appointment will be in the best interest of the District to advocate for School related CIP projects.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education request a seat on the North Slope Borough Project Review Committee and appoint the District's Chief Financial Officer Fadil Limani, upon approval of the request by the Mayor and Borough Assembly.”

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_