

# NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Muriel Brower, President

Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** Board Finance Committee

THROUGH: Pauline Harvey, Superintendent

THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

THROUGH: Mark Roseberry, Assistant Superintendent

Luke Parker, Director of Maintenance & Operations FROM:

October 27, 2020 **DATE:** 

**SUBJECT: North Slope Borough Funding Request:** 

Maintenance & Operations Additional Supply Needs

Memo No. SB21-069

(Action Item)

# **NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:**

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

- 4.1 Facilities: Establish safe, modern and high-performing learning facilities.
- 4.2 Financial Stewardship: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

#### **Issue Summary:**

We currently have need of additional funding for Materials and Supplies for repairs and upkeep to vehicles, food service operations, and maintenance of buildings and housing. The needs across the District include major life/health/safety repairs to keep our facilities safe for the students, faculty, staff, and public.

Here are a few outstanding deferred maintenance items (not all-inclusive):

- KAK—Restocking essential tools/equipment/supplies not covered by insurance. (Est. \$89K)
- PHO—Walk in freezer is on its last leg, needs troubleshot and repaired. (Est. \$7-12K)
- IPK—Boilers and heating system need repairs. Need troubleshot and repaired (Est. \$134K)
- NUI School—Boiler Day Tank is not operational. (Est. \$10.5K)
- NUI Teacher 5-plex—One of the two boilers is not operational. When the Natural Gas to Village Commercial buildings is shut off for maintenance, there is no boiler to use Fuel Oil to heat the teacher housing. (Est. \$28.5K)
- AIN—Teacher 5Plex Roof needs replaced and deteriorated flooring replaced throughout. (Est. \$39K)
- CO2/Housing BRW—Both boiler feed pumps are not working properly (one is completely dead and the other is about to fail permanently). Replacements (Est. \$12K).

• BRW (M&O, IPK, HMS)—4 Walk in coolers/freezers are not working. Need troubleshot and repaired. (Est. \$52-60K)

These needed repairs have been deferred corrective maintenance items that have been in existence for many months. The freezers/coolers in BRW, for example, have been not working and needing repair for over a year and a half. Some repairs can be made by M&O staff; other repairs must be contracted to other sources. We could absorb some of the lower costing repairs, but then our supply budgets would suffer later in the Fiscal Year.

Facilities are deteriorating and need constant and increased maintenance as the buildings and systems age. Due to a shortfall of funding/budget we are not able to move forward with these additional critical repairs/replacements. The table below demonstrates our Maintenance Supplies expenditures for District-wide Pupil Transportation, Maintenance, Housing, and Food Services within M&O:

					Add. Amt.
<b>Departments/Sites</b>	FY18 Actuals	FY 19 Actuals	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Budgeted	<u>Needed</u>
Pupil Transportation	\$7,551.19	\$60,715.56	\$52,577.30	\$36,950.00	\$14,200.00
Maintenance Admin/Ed	\$461,179.72	\$441,417.40	\$451,782.24	\$375,921.00	\$38,700.00
Housing	\$354,417.65	\$235,388.66	\$323,207.37	\$161,284.55	\$183,450.00
Food Service	\$14,044.35	\$1,276.65	\$25,213.86	\$12,510.98	\$19,400.00
Totals	\$837,192.91	\$678,082.71	\$852,780.77	\$586,666.53	\$255,750.00



If we are not able to secure additional funding to address the deferred maintenance needs, there could be drastic consequences. Some of these negative effects include:

- 1. Our facilities will be unsafe for the students and staff, as heating systems will eventually fail.
- 2. Our refrigerated/frozen foods will spoil and students will not be fed.
- 3. Our teacher housing will not be safe or comfortable for our teachers, thus impacting our students' education.
- 4. More funds will be required to make repairs of these needs already deferred, plus for added repairs if pipes freeze, etc.
- 5. Our students and staff will not have a school to go to if the schools have to close down due to the unsafe conditions.

- 6. More time will be needed to make more extensive repairs, thus requiring students and staff to be displaced for extended times.
- 7. We cannot move forward with our Preventative Maintenance program when we continue to defer existing critical Corrective Maintenance issues due to budget shortfalls. (Please refer to Board Priority 4.1 Facilities...develop and implement preventative maintenance plan in the Strategic Plan)

### **Background:**

The total amount of additional anticipated funding needed for this year's budget for Maintenance Supplies District-wide within the M&O division is \$663,750 as detailed below:

Departments/Sites	<b>Additional Amount Needed</b>
Pupil Transportation	\$14,200.00
Maintenance Admin/Ed	\$38,700.00
Housing	\$183,450.00
Food Service	\$19,400.00
KAK Supplies/Restock	\$89,000.00
Major Life/Health/Safety	\$319,000.00
Totals	\$663,750.00

# **Proposed Motion:**

"I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the funding request to the North Slope
Borough in the amount of \$663,750 for the Maintenance & Operations additional needs for the
remainder of this fiscal year."

Moved By:	Seconded By:
Vote:	