




## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Nancy Rock, Board President  
Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 

**FROM:** Rick Luthi, Chief Operating Officer 

**DATE:** August 3, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope  
Emergency Management Project**

**Memo No. SB23-002  
Action Item**

#### **NSBSD Board Policy Manual:**

BP 1330, Use of School Facilities: The Board believes that the schools belong to the citizens of the community and that community use of the school facilities fosters understanding and support for school programs. The Board shall make school facilities and grounds available to citizens and community groups for lawful gatherings and assemblies to the extent that such use serves the interests of the citizens and does not conflict with school or district purposes.

BP 1400, Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools: The School Board recognizes that agencies at all levels of government share its concern and responsibility for the welfare, health, and safety of our youth. The Board and staff shall take every opportunity to work cooperatively with these agencies for the benefit of our students.

#### **Background:**

Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) was awarded a grant by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and authorized an emergency management project for eight Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) in each tribal community. This will be a region-wide tribal emergency management system in partnership with the North Slope Borough Office of Emergency Management coordinating alerts and warnings to communities and improving situational awareness when disasters are impending or have occurred. These Emergency Operation Centers will support on-scene activities throughout incidents and assisting with resource requests, providing communication between the emergency response teams and all supporting organizations assisting throughout the incident. In each EOC, an ICAS-EM Coordinator will operate to provide situational awareness of incidents, emergencies, and disasters; update the Alert and Warning / Public Notification program; and document all disaster related costs for ICAS-EM in the event of a disaster. This coordinator will have planning and training per the current Emergency Management standards.

#### **Issue Summary:**

ICAS is requesting a dedicated space in each village for an Emergency Operation Center. In order to assess the feasibility of the project, Barrow High School in Utqiagvik has been identified as a potential location for assessment. August through September, ICAS EOC team will also seek to identify other locations in the villages, which may include another school facility or pre-fabricated building or construction on a school site.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the assessment of Barrow High School as a potential Emergency Operation Center; and additionally, one other village site.”

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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