



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TO: Esther Evikana, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Reginald Santos, Director of Information Technology *RS*

DATE: August 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Purchases Over \$10K
Software Purchases

**Memo No: SB27-014
(Informational Item)**

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3300 Expenditures/Expending Authority: The Superintendent or designee may purchase supplies, materials, and equipment in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee shall not authorize any proposed expenditure that exceeds the major budget classification allowance against which the expenditure is the proper charge unless an amount sufficient to cover the purchase is available in the budget for transfer.

BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures: The School Board desires to ensure that maximum value is received for money spent by the district and that records are kept in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee may issue and sign purchase orders.

BP 3311, Bids: The District shall purchase equipment, supplies and services on a competitive bidding basis when required by law and whenever it appears to be in the best interest of the District to do so. Prior to any purchase, the District should review the federal funding award or grant to determine if it requires compliance with OMB's procurement procedures.

BP 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement on behalf of the district. All contracts and memorandums of agreement with a dollar value of \$50,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

BP 3440, Inventories: The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper control and conservation of district property.

2025-2029 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN

Financial & Operational Stewardship:

Goal 7: Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations.

Issue Summary:

The North Slope Borough School District is presenting seven technology and professional-service purchases over \$10,000 for School Board acknowledgment, totaling \$188,391.52. The package includes customary annual renewals for Lightspeed Filter and Alert, Vasion Print, Jamf device management and security, and HPE Tech Care; a grant-writing services invoice for the FY2026 RUS Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant; and two new services: Veeam Data Cloud backup for Microsoft 365 and Kelley CloudFax using the WestFax platform. These purchases maintain essential technology operations, strengthen data protection and records continuity, and improve district communications.

Background:



The recurring renewals support established district systems. Lightspeed Filter and Alert provides internet filtering, safety alerting, and 24/7/365 human review for 2,000 users; Vasion Print supports centralized printer management; Jamf supports management, security, and connectivity for district Apple devices; and HPE Tech Care provides annual support coverage for identified HPE infrastructure. Continuing these services avoids disruption and preserves the district's existing configurations, integrations, staff training, and support processes.

Kelley CloudFax, operating on the WestFax platform, is a new HIPAA-compliant cloud fax service replacing the district's unreliable eFax service. Its web portal is easy for staff to use, and the quoted service includes workflow capabilities and integrations without separate add-on fees. WestFax can also automate delivery of inbound faxes to secured Windows network shares, reducing manual downloading, renaming, and filing. The grant-writing invoice is for Kathleen Harrel's work on the FY2026 RUS DLT application. Ms. Harrel has written the district's successful prior RUS grant applications and is responsible for helping secure the multimillion-dollar awards the district has received through that program.

Veeam Data Cloud for Microsoft 365 is a new purchase for 600 users. It will automate backup of staff Exchange Online mailboxes, replacing a labor-intensive IT process and protecting data after account deactivation. Microsoft 365 may permanently delete a former user's mailbox after the applicable retention period, commonly 90 days in the district's current process; an independent Veeam backup will reduce that risk and support reliable recovery and retention.

Purchases and Contract Amounts:

Vendor	Purchase / Term	Amount
SHI / Lightspeed	Filter & Alert renewal; 7/19/2026-7/18/2027	\$26,600.00
SHI / Vasion	Vasion Print renewal; 7/16/2026-7/15/2027	\$21,495.00
Jamf Software	Apple device management/security; 7/1/2026-6/30/2027	\$56,120.00
SHI / HPE	HPE Tech Care; 7/4/2026-7/3/2027	\$40,910.52
SHI / Veeam	New Microsoft 365 backup; one-year subscription	\$17,100.00
Kelley Create / WestFax	New CloudFax service; 36-month term	\$13,666.00
Salient Health Solutions	FY2026 RUS DLT grant-writing services	\$12,500.00
TOTAL		\$188,391.52

Grant Funds:

The Salient Health Solutions invoice supports preparation of the FY2026 RUS DLT grant application. The provided documents do not identify grant funds as the payment source for any listed purchase.

Compliance with BP 3311:

The SHI purchases identify OMNIA Partners IT Solutions, Products & Services Contract No. 2024056-02. The recurring Lightspeed, Vasion, Jamf, and HPE purchases continue established systems where replacement would create additional migration, integration, retraining, and support costs. For Kelley CloudFax/WestFax, the district's sole-source/sole-brand determination under BP 3311 is based on unique required functionality: HIPAA-compliant cloud faxing, a simple web portal,





and an integrated Windows service that automatically synchronizes inbound faxes to secured network shares with configurable file naming and workflow automation, without added third-party middleware, custom development, or separate integration fees. The current eFax service does not provide this required server-side automation and has been unreliable; delaying replacement could interrupt receipt of time-sensitive district records. These documented compatibility, operational-continuity, and unique-capability considerations support the procurement approach and compliance with BP 3311.

Proposed Motion:

No motion is required. This is an informational item presented for School Board acknowledgment.

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