



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Frieda Moore, Clerk
Members of the Board

THROUGH: Dr. Caitlin Santos, Superintendent 

THROUGH: Megan Williams, Director of Finance 

FROM: Michael Hautala, Director of Student Services 

DATE: October 5, 2026

SUBJECT: **Contract Under \$50K -
Allison Perotti**

**Memo No. SB26-057
(Informational Item)**

NSBSD Policy Manual:

Board Policy 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement (MOA's) on behalf of the District. All contracts and MOA's with a dollar value of \$50,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

Staff Support & Professional Development

Goal 6: Build and sustain a thriving workforce aligned with the mission of this District

Issue Summary:

Based on State and federal law, NSBSD is required to have a school psychologist to determine the educational needs of students with disabilities. School psychologists are needed to implement and interpret the results of educational assessments. The assessments determine educational (reading, writing, math) needs, adaptive (skills required for a person to meet their basic needs for self-care, decision-making, communicating, and learning), and social-emotional needs of students. The school psychologist provides assessment for initial evaluations and 3-year evaluations to determine continued special education needs. The NSBSD is seeking this short-term contract due to a large number of reevaluations and new referrals to special education.

Background:

Ms. Perotti has worked in the state of Alaska for many years and comes highly recommended. She provides assessment for students that determine eligibility for special education. These initial and three-year reevaluations use a variety of instruments to determine academic, cognitive, behavioral, and social emotional needs which provide the specific education needs found in each student's Individual Learning Program (IEP).

Length of Contract:

October 1, 2026 to December 18, 2026

Funding Source and Contract Amount:

NSBSD will fund this MOA through general fund and the VI-B Special Education Grant. The Contractor will be paid **\$850/day for up to 20 days**. Travel expenses shall not exceed **\$1,600.00** and



reimbursement for testing materials shall not exceed \$2500.00. The total cost of this MOA shall not exceed **\$21,100.00**. There are no NSBSD benefits associated with this MOA.

Grant Funding:

This MOA is funded through the Title VI-B Special Education grant (285. 200.220.000.410) and the NSBSD general fund (100.200.220.000.410).

Compliance with BP 3311.

Ms. Perotti is Wasilla based and has Arctic experience and a willingness to travel, this rate is within the acceptable range of rates paid across the state of Alaska. In support of the approval of a sole-source MOA, this contractor will require no training and no adjustment period to provide and schedule pre-evaluation meetings and follow-up assessments.

Recommendations:

This memo is informational only and no action is required.

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