



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Muriel Brower, President
Members of the School Board

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DATE: October 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Adoption Cycle Revised
Ref: BP 6141

Memo No. SB21-056
(Action Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

1.4 **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** Ensure all students are proficient or advanced in academic areas measured by state and district standards

4.3 **RETENTION:** Support and retain quality teachers, administrators and staff

Recommendation:

We are recommending a pause in the Cycle to support Arts and Electives. School Year 2020-2021 will include the continuation of the 2019-2020 content areas as noted BP 6141 and Alaska Statute AAC 05.080

Issue Summary:

The North Slope Borough School District follows an adoption cycle for content areas to ensure materials are reviewed once every 6 years to maintain updated resources for students and staff as per 4 AAC 05.080. Due to COVID-19 challenges in the Spring of 2020, we were unable to complete the Arts and Electives review. The Current Cycle noted below would repeat Year 5 content areas and delay the Year 6 content (World Languages, Health, Physical Education) until school year 2021-2022.

Current Cycle:

- Year 1 - Reading K-6
- Year 2 – Science (K-12), Social Studies (K-12)
- Year 3 – Math (PreK-12), ECE Reading
- Year 4 – Career tech, Language Arts (Secondary)
- Year 5 – Arts and electives
- Year 6 – World languages, health, Physical Education

Background:

State Regulation 4AAC 05.080 requires districts to establish a curriculum review cycle “The governing body of a district shall provide for the systematic evaluation of the district’s [its] curriculum on an ongoing basis with each content area undergoing review at least once every six years.”

The current Board Policy states “The Board shall review each content area at least once every six years according to the schedule beginning 2001. Administrative recommendation is to update the curriculum review cycle in an Administrative Regulation (AR) so that the board policy does not have to be revised annually. Also included is the current cycle to ensure adopted materials align with NSBSD focus.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education accept the request for a 1-year “pause” in the Adoption Cycle to support Arts and Electives.”

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Advisory Vote _____ Vote _____