



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roxanne Brower, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Stewart McDonald, Superintendent

THROUGH: Christopher Aguirre, Assistant Superintendent

FROM: Caitlin Montague, Coordinator of Assessment & Accountability

DATE: April 30, 2019

SUBJECT: Early Release and In-service Minutes

Memo No: SB19-200
(Information Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

1.0 ACADEMIC SUCCESS/WHOLE CHILD: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Iñupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child.

3.0 STAFF RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Strengthen the recruitment and retention of highly effective staff and inspire indigenous Iñupiaq teachers.

Issue Summary:

The North Slope Borough School District recognizes the professional and instructional value of collaborative team time for professional educators. Each school has early release on Wednesdays for teacher collaboration times. An early release day is a day in session for teachers and students. The state of Alaska considers a school day a “Day in Session,” if it is four hours long (240 min) for grades 1-3 and five hours long (300 min) for grades 4 and above.

Background:

The current proposed calendars have approximately 38 Wednesdays.

The average number of minutes released early is 65 minutes per Wednesday. This totals 41 hours of collaborative time over the course of the year. The release times in each building can vary by grade level, I am attaching the times for High School, Middle School for HMS, and upper Elementary at Ipalook.

Attached you will find a chart by school of the exact times, including minutes in session.

We have scheduled 10 days of in-service. In-service days are training days for staff, they count as student/teacher days and do not add to the total number of days of the school year. If a district schedules less in-service days, those must then be regular teacher/student days. The average instructional time in a regular school day in session is 376 minutes. Multiplied by ten in-services, the total time is 63 hours.