



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Muriel Brower, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Pauline Harvey, Superintendent *Pauline Harvey*

THROUGH: Fadil Limani, CFO *Fadil Limani*

FROM: Everett Haimes, Director of Information Technology *Everett Haimes*

DATE: July 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Broadband Assistance Grant Acceptance

Memo No: SB21-001

(Action Item)

2015-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.1 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

Issue Summary:

The North Slope Borough School District has been awarded the Alaska School Broadband Assistance Grant for fiscal year FY2021 in the amount of \$321,600. The purpose of the grant is to cover the cost to upgrade eligible circuits previously provisioned below 25Mbps (Megabits-per-second) to a minimum of 25Mbps. The eligible schools of the North Slope are Nunamiut School, Meade River School, Harold Kaveolook School, Kali School, and Kiita Learning Community. Acceptance of the grant and release of funds require School Board approval of the attached agreement, prompt submission of the signed agreement to Alaska State Library, and all conditions defined within the agreement be strictly adhered to.

Background:

NSBSD has identified the following major needs that this project must address: 1) Improve academic achievement; 2) Support the preservation of traditional culture; 3) Help students get started in college; and 3) Provide education and support to train and retain teachers. In order to help fulfil these needs, additional broadband access must be provided, and the Alaska School Bandwidth Assistance Grant has been identified as a suitable supplemental funding source to help upgrade eligible schools to a minimum of 25Mbps.

Grant Award Amount:	Funding Year :	Grant Agency:
\$321,600.00	July 1, 2020 thru June 30,2021	Alaska State Library

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education accept the Alaska School Bandwidth Assistance Grant in the amount of \$321,600 described in this memo and attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____