






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

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 
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THROUGH: MJ Geiser, Assistant Superintendent 
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FROM: Tennessee D. Judkins, Director of Iñupiaq Education 
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DATE: January 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000- Jana Pausauraq Harcharek

Memo No: SB23-112
(Action Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

1.0 Student Success: 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.

4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.2 Financial Stewardship: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3312, Contracts: All contracts and MOA's with a dollar value of \$10,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

Issue Summary:

On November 17, 2022, the Board of Education approved a contract for Dr. Jana Pausauraq Harcharek to assist the District to re-align its curriculum with the ILF and support the Administration to align the delivery of educational services with international best practice in order to create a foundation for excellence in academic outcomes through a culturally responsive place based curriculum.

To continue that work, the Iñupiat Education department is seeking an addendum to the contract to engage Dr. Harcharek in that ongoing re-alignment and development.

Dr. Harcharek has previously worked in the Iñupiat Education for nearly twenty years as the Director, before retiring in 2018. She led several initiatives throughout her time working at the district including the creation and implementation of the Iñupiaq Learning Framework and development of culture-based units and curriculum, continuing enhancing the Iñupiat Language program, and many other contributions she has made over the years. She understands the depth of knowledge and multifaceted complexity when it comes to our culture, history, language and traditions. She has a wealth of knowledge, experience, and expertise in the Iñupiat ways of being and knowing and is invaluable when it comes to the mentorship, support, and consultation of the Iñupiaq Education department and its staff.

Length of Contract:

The length of the contract would be from January 13, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

This contract would come out of the ESSER II funding budget (Account Code: 277.200.300.000.410) in the amount of and not to exceed \$34,600.00.

Available Budget:

277.200.300.000.410

Grant Funding:

N/A

Compliance with BP 3311:

Jana Harcharek has worked with the district since 2000 and through that time led the work in the formation of the Iñupiaq Learning Framework, 22 cultural-based unit kits in all grade levels, helped create our local courses like North Slope History and Culture, North Slope Government, Alaska Studies, and has helped review, align, and vet the over 300 cultural-based units that were developed by our district teachers. She has spent years supporting the district at all levels with our community's consultation and has paved the way for creating systemic change when it comes to culture-based curriculum development and implementation, culturally responsive teaching practices and methods of instruction, community and family engagement, contributions to educators, staff and board development, and enhancing organizational and financial stewardship. With her support, she will continue to provide support in these areas on an as needed basis as well as mentorship, consultation, training, and expertise to the Superintendent's office, the instructional team, principals, teacher, and staff.

Proposed Motion:

"I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater contract addendum for Dr. Jana Pausauraq Harcharek, in the amount not to exceed \$34,600, as described in this memo and related attachments."

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____

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