



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

TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator

THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Fadil Limani, CFO on behalf of IT *FL*

DATE: June 11, 2022

SUBJECT: **Contracts over \$10,000-SchoolBlocks**

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David Vadiveloo
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Memo No: SB22-226
(Action Item)

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1.0 STUDENT SUCCESS: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success by integrating Inupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the Whole Child's development.

2.1 COMMUNICATION: Advance ongoing 2-way communication, participation, and interaction within the school and between the school and community, building a bridge of trust.

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

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

4.5 TECHNOLOGY: Leverage technology as a tool to facilitate learning, communication, and collaboration.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board Policy, contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval (BP 3312).

Background:

SchoolBlocks is a school district website solution platform that follows the latest technology to deliver a first-class mobile experience and integrates Google Apps for Education and Office 365 to streamline and leverage the best available technologies. SchoolBlocks was founded in 2015 and provides website solutions to a number of School District across the country. Their mission is focused around assisting School Districts stay organized and connect parents and community members, in which they believe cause higher achieving students.

In evaluating the different website solutions platforms, one of the primary focuses of the School District was to find a solution that enables easy integration and a robust, yet simple process in navigating through the District Website and retrieving of information. More importantly, the School District was looking for a system platform that is compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The ADA was instituted in 1990 in an effort to end discrimination based on differing abilities. Public school websites are required to be ADA compliant through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Trying to figure out what constitutes an ADA-compliant website can be difficult. That is where SchoolBlocks comes in! Accessibility issues are categorized in four distinct (Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, and Robust) groups under WCAG guideline.

Scope of Work

- Provide unlimited implementation guidance & support.
- Continuously support all community members at no extra charge.
- Host, through a highly scalable solution including integration with G-Suite & O365.
- Provide an ADA compliant system and support that for the duration of the contract as well as any updates needed to get out of OCR complaint.

Length of Contract:

The length of contract commences on the date of execution of the agreement and ends as of June 30, 2023.

Funding Source and Contract Amount:

The identified funding source is derived from the IT Department Professional and Technical Account Code 100.200.355.000.410 with a not to exceed amount of \$12,505.

Available Budget:

The available Budget after the processing of the BLT for Account Code 100.200.355.000.410 is \$18,903.00.

Budget Line Transfer:

See attached BLT Form.

Grant Funding:

There are no grant funds associated with this contract.

Compliance with BP 3311:

N/A-MOA is less than \$20K.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater Contract with SchoolBlocks in an amount not to exceed \$12,505 as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____