



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: John Hopson Jr, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: Tracy Mulvenon, Assistant Superintendent TM

FROM: Qag̃guna Tenna Pili, Director of Iñupiaq Education Tennessee Judkins

DATE: April 8, 2025

**SUBJECT: Contract \$50,000 and Over -
Rachel Nanjinaaq Edwardson (FY26)**

Memo No: SB25-181
(Action Item)

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3311, Bids: The district shall purchase equipment, supplies and services on a competitive bidding basis when required by law and whenever it appears to be in the best interest of the district to do so. All bids under federal awards must be made in accordance with the standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.320.

BP 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement on behalf of the district. All contracts and memorandums of agreement with a dollar value of \$50,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

Culturally Responsive Instruction

Goal 2: All students perform at or above grade level

Goal 4: Graduate bilingual students

Student Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Goal 5: Facilitate & maintain culturally, emotionally, & physically safe learning environments

Issue Summary:

Rachel Nanjinaaq Edwardson will continue to provide high-level strategic support to the Iñupiaq Education Department (IED), focusing on mapping and facilitating the development of 1–3, 3–5, and 5–10 year planning cycles with clear tasks and sustainable work structures. She will support department-specific strategic planning, curriculum review, and development across Iñupiaq Immersion and language programs, while also serving as a community liaison for Immersion implementation and supporting planning and advisory structures.

Rachel will co-design and co-facilitate weekly department and parent meetings, guide and support the ongoing professional development of IED staff and its extension to district leadership and advise on implementing NSBSD's adopted pedagogy and materials. Her work will also include further articulation of Iñupiaq-based wellbeing and social emotional learning frameworks with the Instructional Team, as well as additional support as identified by the IED Director throughout the contract period.

Background:



The Board approved the Iñupiaq Education Department to negotiate contracting Rachel Nanjinaaq Edwardson, an immediate family member of Superintendent David Vadiveloo, to support strategic departmental planning, curriculum development, and community-engaged program implementation. Her work focuses on long-term workflow mapping and sustainability planning, reviewing and advising on Iñupiaq language and immersion curriculum, facilitating professional development for staff and leadership, and advancing Iñupiaq-based wellbeing and social emotional learning frameworks

Length of Contract:

The length of the contract would be July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

This contract would come out of the Iñupiaq Education Department Professional & Technical budget Account Code: 100.200.120.000.410, in the amount of and not to exceed \$57,375.00.

Available Budget:

100.200.120.000.410

Compliance with BP 3311:

For compliance with BP 3311, this contract is exempt from the requirements in BP 3311 as listed under B. Curriculum, instruction, and staff development experts selected for her unique expertise.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$50,000 and greater proposal and related contract with Rachel Nanjinaaq Edwardson in the amount of \$57,375, as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____

