



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

TO: Qaiyaan Harcharek, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Pauline Harvey, Superintendent DocuSigned by: Pauline Harvey

FROM: Fadil Limani, CEO A79222E99661479...

DATE: 1/8/2021

SUBJECT: Legislative External Affairs Collaboration with North Slope Borough

Memo No: SB21-104

(Action Item)

2020-2025 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.

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

Issue Summary:

As prescribed in Board Policy 1140 Responsibilities of the Board, the local school district has been created as a unit of state government. The Board is, therefore, responsible to the local community and to the state government. The Board may take a public position on legislation which will directly affect the education program within the community.

Background:

The North Slope Borough School District was approached by J&H Consulting (J&H) surrounding the possibility of providing lobbying services for the School District for the upcoming legislative session. The School District’s senior leadership met and discussed such proposal. The School District setup a meeting with J&H and the Borough’s External Affairs after discussions with the Board Chair and Clerk. During such meeting, the Borough expressed strong interest in providing the underlying support to the School District with legislative affairs during this year’s legislative session considering J&H is a registered Lobbyist for the Borough.

The MOU with the Borough will be at no cost to the School District and will provide immense opportunity for the District and the Borough to working in close collaboration during the legislative session. In addition, the Borough would provide additional access to its other Lobbyist for additional support in the event there was legislation introduced that would have material impact to the School District.

Considering the School District’s budget constraints and limited financial resources for FY21, this would be a cost saving measure and in the best interest of the School District to work very closely with J&H and the Borough during the upcoming legislative session.

Upon adoption of this memo by the School Board, the Administration would work closely with the Borough to fine-tune the language in the MOA and would bring it before the School Board during the February regular meeting as an informational item.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee to enter into a nonmonetary MOU with the North Slope Borough surrounding the School Districts State of Alaska Legislative Lobbying efforts for the upcoming legislative session.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____