



## 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, Superintendent DSV  
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**FROM:** Blake Mikesell, Director of Maintenance & Operations BM  
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**DATE:** April 8, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **Contracts over \$10,000-Arctic Fire & Security** **Memo No: SB24-147**  
Tikigaaq Security Door Alarms (Informational Item)

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### **2020-2025 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

#### **NSBSD Policy Manual:**

BP 3300, Expenditures/Expending Authority: The Superintendent or designee may purchase supplies, materials, and equipment in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee shall not authorize any proposed expenditure that exceeds the major budget classification allowance against which the expenditure is the proper charge unless an amount sufficient to cover the purchase is available in the budget for transfer.

BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures: The School Board desires to ensure the maximum value is received for money spent by the district and that records are kept in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee may issue and sign purchase orders.

BP 3311, Bids: All purchases in the amount of \$20,000 or more shall be based, when possible, on three competitive bids. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to ensure that formal advertised bids are solicited for purchases over \$50,000.

#### **Compliance with BP 3311:**

This is a sole source contract with Arctic Fire & Security (AFS). The North Slope Borough School District and the North Slope Borough have a long-standing relationship with AFS as they continue to provide quality work and are familiar with the NSBSD's facilities. Additionally, AFS will be able to proceed with the work immediately and without delay since they understand the complexities of the North Slope Borough School District's systems.

#### **Issue Summary:**

School Security is a multifaceted issue encompassing various aspects aimed at ensuring the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff within our educational institutions. Ensuring school security requires a comprehensive approach that integrates physical, technological, and social measures while prioritizing the well-being and safety of everyone within the educational community.

#### **Background:**

In the wake of the recent tragedy in Tikigaaq, the District has been fast-tracking research and procurement options for new security and safety options for our schools. The result is a 2-part security

upgrade for all sites which will involve 1.) Detex security devices and panic bars at all door locations. This will sound a high decibel alarm in the event of a student propping a door or exiting the wrong location and to 2.) Detex panic bars and A-phone (video monitoring with push button entry only from the front desk) devices at the front doors. This will create a “funnel” for visitors coming into the building. Once locked, entry will only be allowed with permission from the front desk.

This infrastructure change will mean that all school entry and exit doors will be locked at school start time and unlocked at school stop time, providing a secure building throughout the day for our students and staff. The first site for installation will be the Tikigaq school with all other sites to follow. While the PRC committee did not accept the emergency LOI proposal from the Superintendent, the Chair and committee members encouraged the district to implement the measures using existing Capital funding and then request that the committee refund projects that are moved sideways by the district in order to accommodate this emergency installation.

**Length of Contract:**

May 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

**Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:**

Professional & Technical	100.440.600.000.410	\$38,513.14
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**Proposed Motion:**

No motion is required. This is an informational item as the purchases of contracts below \$50,000 are within the discretion of the Chief School Administrator or designee.

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