



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TO: Esther Evikana, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Reginald Santos, Director Information Technology *RS*
Reginald Santos

DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: **Purchases of Over \$50K - Software Subscription Renewal**

Memo No: SB26-088
(Informational Item)

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3300 Expenditures/Expenditure 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 that 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.

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 \$10,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

BP 3440, Inventories: The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the proper control and conservation of district property.

2025-2029 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN

Financial & Operational Stewardship:

Goal 7: Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations.

Issue Summary:

The North Slope Borough School District (NSBSD) is renewing its annual **VMware Cloud Foundation** software subscription to maintain vendor-supported virtualization and private cloud infrastructure that hosts critical instructional and administrative systems.

Background:

VMWare Subscription Renewal: VMware Cloud Foundation is the core platform used to operate NSBSD's on-premises data center and virtual server environment. It supports mission-critical district systems, including:





- Student information and instructional platforms
- Identity, authentication, and directory services
- Business, finance, and payroll systems
- District communications and cybersecurity services

The renewal provides **annual licensing and production support coverage** for the district's existing VMware environment.

Subscription Term and Amount:

February 5, 2026 – February 4, 2027

This renewal ensures continued access to security updates, vendor support, and platform maintenance. It does **not** expand capacity or add new services; it sustains infrastructure already in production. Allowing the subscription to lapse would expose the district to unsupported systems, increased cybersecurity risk, and potential service disruptions.

The total contract amount for the subscription term is **\$61,395.84**.

Alignment with NSBSD Strategic Plan

Financial & Operational Stewardship (Goal 7.0)

Renewing VMware Cloud Foundation supports long-term operational stability by:

- Protecting existing infrastructure investments
- Avoiding costly system replacement or migration
- Maintaining secure, vendor-supported core systems
- Ensuring uninterrupted access to instructional and administrative services

This renewal represents a planned operational expense that minimizes risk and preserves districtwide service continuity.

Funding Sources and Contract Amount:

Function	Account Code	Available Budget
PURCHASED SERVICES	100.200.355.440	\$ 233,000.00

Grant Funds:

No grant funds are associated with funding the attached renewal quotes.

Compliance with BP 3311:

This purchase qualifies as a **sole-source procurement through a pre-bid cooperative contract**. VMware Cloud Foundation is being purchased under the **OMNIA Partners cooperative purchasing agreement**, which satisfies competitive bidding requirements in accordance with district policy and state procurement guidelines.

Utilizing the OMNIA contract ensures competitive pricing, streamlines procurement, and avoids the need for a separate bid process while maintaining compliance with BP 3311.

Proposed Motion:

No motion is required. This is an informational Item, as the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment is within the discretion of the Chief School Administrator or designee.



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