



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Esther Evikana, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Marie Stackhouse, Board Secretary / Community Collaboration Manager

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Resolution 27-01

Memo No. SB27-006
(Action Item)

NSBSD Policy Manual: N/A

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary: N/A Operational

Background and issue summary:

In 2025, the North Slope Borough School District withdrew its membership from the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat following concerns regarding the treatment of the NSBSD Superintendent during a VOICE meeting.

Since that time, the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat has requested that NSBSD rejoin the organization and provided the District with a written apology addressing the concerns that led to NSBSD's withdrawal.

The Board recognizes the importance of collaboration among North Slope organizations and the shared responsibility to advocate for the interests of our communities. Rejoining VOICE provides an opportunity for NSBSD to renew its participation while maintaining the expectation that NSBSD Board members, the Superintendent, officers, and staff are treated with professionalism and respect during meetings, discussions, and activities. NSBSD will extend the same professionalism and respect to all participating members.

Resolution 27-01 authorizes NSBSD to rejoin the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat. As part of this action, the Board of Education will also need to appoint a member of the Board to serve as NSBSD's representative on the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat Board of Directors.

Proposed Motion:

"I move that the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education approve Resolution 27-01, authorizing NSBSD to rejoin the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat, and appoint _____ to serve as the NSBSD representative on the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat Board of Directors."

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Advisory Vote _____

Vote _____





RESOLUTION 27-01

A RESOLUTION TO REJOIN AND APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE VOICE OF THE ARCTIC IÑUPIAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education (“NSBSD”) is a regional organization formed under the laws of the North Slope Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat is a not-for-profit corporation formed under the laws of the State of Alaska and pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law) (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat is being formed exclusively to promote social welfare within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Code, including, but not limited to: developing local advocacy and engagement for the Iñupiat of the Arctic Slope to state, federal and international forums addressing Arctic issues; promoting an understanding of the North Slope economy within the region and encourage culturally safe and responsible development for economic sustainability; developing local content and responses with respect to activities within the region that allow for protection of the lands, waters and subsistence resources used by the Arctic Iñupiat for thousands of years; acting to protect the interests of the Arctic Iñupiat; becoming the local knowledge center for the communities and people regarding developments in the Arctic Slope region; and being a conduit for information transfer with outside organizations, including both governmental and non-governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat is attached; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation, attached, a membership class is proposed; and,

WHEREAS, the following organizations serving the Iñupiat people and communities shall be the members (individually each a “Member” and collectively the “Members”) of the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat:

- (i) The tribal village councils for the villages of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Utqiagvik, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright.
- (ii) The municipal governments of Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Utqiagvik, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, and Point Hope.
- (iii) The North Slope Alaska Native Village Corporations:
 1. Atqasuk Corporation;

2. Cully Corporation;
3. Kaktovik Iñupiat Corporation;
4. Kuukpik Corporation;
5. Nunamiut Corporation;
6. Olgoonik Corporation;
7. Tikiġaq Corporation; and
8. Ukpeaġvik Iñupiat Corporation.

(iv) The North Slope regional organizations:

1. Arctic Slope Native Association;
2. Arctic Slope Regional Corporation;
3. Iḷisaġvik College;
4. Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope;
5. North Slope Borough;
6. North Slope Borough School District Board of Education; and
7. Arctic Slope Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws will be amended to reflect the expansion of the scope of Board of Directors and it is intended that the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat Board of Directors shall be comprised as follows:

The Board of Directors shall be thirty (30) members comprised of the Mayor or President of each of the thirty (30) Members or, as an alternative to the Mayor or President for any given Member, a person appointed by the Mayor or President to serve in the Mayor or President's place as a member of the Board of the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat, provided that the appointment of such person by the Mayor or President be in writing and that the written appointment set out a delegation by the Mayor or President to the designated person of full authority to act on behalf of the Mayor or President regarding the affairs and operations of the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat; and,

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2025, NSBSD withdrew from the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat following a meeting in which the District raised concerns regarding disrespectful treatment of the NSBSD Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat subsequently requested that NSBSD rejoin the organization on August 5, 2025 and provided NSBSD with a written apology regarding the circumstances that led to the District's withdrawal; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education acknowledges the efforts made by the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat to address these concerns and believes renewed participation provides an opportunity to move forward in a manner that supports collaboration and the shared interests of the North Slope communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, finds it in the best interest of NSBSD to be a member in the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education approves NSBSD being a member in The Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, NSBSD's participation in the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat is based upon the expectation that NSBSD, its Board-appointed representative, Superintendent, officers, and staff will be treated with professionalism and respect during all meetings, discussions, and activities of the organization, and that NSBSD will extend the same professionalism and respect to all other members and representatives; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, _____ is hereby designated to act as the representative of NSBSD to serve on the Board of Directors of the Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat and to serve until his or her successor shall have been appointed and qualified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the representative identified above, together with the officers, management, and staff of NSBSD, be directed and authorized to take all such actions necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, Frieda Moore, do hereby certify that I am the clerk of North Slope Borough Board of Education; and that, at a meeting of the Board of Education, duly held on December 20, 2024, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Education attended and participated, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, by order of the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education thereof, this 26th day of August 2026.

Frieda Moore, Clerk

Attest:

Esther Evikana, President

Signature: *DS Vadiveloo*

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