



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: John Hopson Jr., President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Marie Stackhouse, Board Secretary / Community Collaboration Manager

DATE: October 9, 2025

**SUBJECT: Board Policy Update – First Reading
BP 8020, Elections**

**Memo No. SB26-045
(Action Item)**

NSBSD Policy Manual:

Board Bylaw 9311, Board Policies:...Prior to adoption, policies shall normally be given two readings by the Board. At its second reading, the policy may be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Board.

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

N/A Operational

Issue Summary:

The District is recommending that the Board review the current language in Board Policy BP 8020, Elections, which states: *“An election will only be held if an open CSAC seat has at least two declared candidates.”*

At the recent CSAC (Community School Advisory Council) election, there were multiple instances of only one candidate or no candidate nominating for an open seat. Under the recently adopted policy, this meant no election would have been held for that seat and the single candidate’s name would not appear on the ballot. Instead, these seats would be filled by appointment by the Board.

Community members from multiple villages expressed confusion and concern about this change to BP 8020. Specifically, there were questions raised about the removal of local community voice from appointment of their CSAC representatives. Due to the short timeframe between the approval of the new policy and the election, the administration made the decision to hold off implementation of BP 8020.

Consistent with the District’s commitment to community engagement, the administration is recommending that the Board amend this section to allow a sole candidate to appear on the ballot, since write-in candidates remain an option. While it is unlikely a write-in would win, this approach would provide a consistent process and maintain community voice and transparency.

If the Board wishes to pursue this change, it would proceed through the required two-reading policy process. The proposed language for the new policy is as follows:

“An election will only be held if an open CSAC seat has a declared candidate.”





Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the first reading of BP 8020, Elections, as described in this memo SB26-045 and attachments.”

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____

