



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

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Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

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DATE: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Return of Playground Donation – City of Atqasuk

Memo No. SB26-066
(Informational Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

N/A – Operational

Issue Summary

The North Slope Borough School District received a \$140,000 donation from the City of Atqasuk to support the construction of a new playground at Meade River School. Updated projections show that the total cost of the playground project is approximately \$622,000, far exceeding the donated amount.

To ensure fiscal responsibility and transparency, District administration plans on returning the full donation to the City of Atqasuk rather than holding funds without a viable plan to complete the project.

Background:

The City of Atqasuk generously provided a \$140,000 donation to replace the playground at Meade River School. During project scoping, the District evaluated all components necessary to complete the project, including:

- Playground equipment
- Freight and transportation to Atqasuk
- Installation and labor
- Sand and dirt are needed to level and prepare the playground site

Based on current pricing, supply chain conditions, and remote shipping requirements, the total estimated cost is \$622,000. This substantial funding gap prevents the District from moving forward with the project at this time.



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