



**ILISAĠVIK COLLEGE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES AND NORTH SLOPE
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
OF EDUCATION
JOINT RESOLUTION 2024-01**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Slope Borough School District and the Board of Trustees of Ilisaġvik College met to discuss issues of common concern in their annual joint Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the two Boards continue to collaborate on strengthening the foundations for educational excellence and career pathways on the North Slope; and

WHEREAS, the boards reaffirmed their commitment to the current Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions; and

WHEREAS, our common understanding is that we have a shared commitment to provide to our children and young adults, culturally grounded educational opportunities driven by high expectations of students, staff and faculty; and

WHEREAS, we draw upon the strength of our Elders, the force of our culture and have faith in the resilience of our collective North Slope communities; and

WHEREAS, individual and community wellness is pivotal to educational success; and

WHEREAS, our students and young adults have expressed a need for a holistic approach in providing support to them to increase their success while nurturing their identities; and

WHEREAS, we have heard their voices and are committing our Boards to take action and honor their thoughts, concerns and ambitions along with their ideas for moving forward.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the boards commit individually and together, to direct their administrations to work collaboratively to achieve the following:

- A commitment to ensuring student wellness and mental health is a priority in all considerations of student growth
- K-14 Life Skills and Career Readiness Programs including job shadowing, internships and transition plans from high school to college or career pathways
- Student representation on both boards and on collaborative committees
- Share resources to amplify communications about educational opportunities and successes on the North Slope
- Ways to increase board to board, administration to administration and student

government to student government relations

- Partnerships with other organizations to support student wellbeing and success
- Identify, support and encourage opportunities for community connections for students, staff and faculty
- Collaborating to ensure professional development and onboarding for staff and faculty consistently reinforces and reflects Iñupiaq values and knowledge, and awareness of our region and its needs

ADOPTED at duly called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Iñisaġvik College and the North Slope Borough School District Board held on, **March 5, 2024** by a unanimous vote.

Iñisaġvik College Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Debby Edwardson, Chairperson
Iñisaġvik College



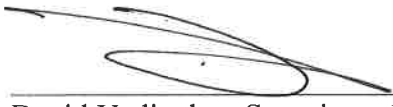
Justina Wilhelm, President
Iñisaġvik College

NSBSD Board of Education

ATTEST:



President, Robyn Burke
North Slope Borough School District



David Vadiveloo, Superintendent
North Slope Borough School District