




**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Qaiyaan Harcharek, President
Members of the School Board DS
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THROUGH: Pauline Harvey, Superintendent
THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer  DS
FROM: Lori Roth, Director of Student Services LR
DATE: December 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000 - Embrace Data Systems **Memo No: SB21-096**
(Action Item)

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1.0 STUDENT SUCCESS: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Inupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child.

4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board policy, contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval. BP 3312. The Department of Students Services recommends contracting with Embrace Data Systems to develop secure on-line special education and 504 databases for compliance, state and federal reporting.

Background:

The Public Consulting Group announced they will no longer be providing services in Alaska as of June 30, 2021. NSBSD has been using their on-line program, GoalView, for special education and 504 paperwork and compliance reporting since approx. 2001. Student Services has researched on-line Special Education and 504 Plan databases to be adopted for the 2021-2022 school year. Staff selected Embrace Data Systems due to ease of use, functionality, parent access, training and support opportunities, and alignment with PowerSchool.

Length of Contract:

This MOA will be valid January 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021. It will support database development, transfer of files, and alignment with PowerSchool. An annual subscription will be established costing \$25.00 per student per year.

Funding Source and Contract Amount:

This will be a one-time MOA for set up and data transfer costs. It will be grant funded for \$10,000.00.

Compliance with BP 3311.

Although this requirement is not applicable as the dollar amount of the contract is less than \$20,000, the District solicited proposals from two other vendors (Goalview and PowerSchool).

Grant Funding:

This MOA will be funded through a re-occurring grant awarded to NSBSD. The VI-B Special Education grant is funded by the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (EED). The total award amount is \$582,862.66. The account code used will be 285.200.220.000.410. The FY21 VI-B reimbursement grant was substantially approved by July 1, 2020 and will continue through June 30, 2021.

Available Budget:

Account 285.200.220.000.410 has an unencumbered budget balance of \$159,774.43.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater proposal for Embrace Data Systems, as described in this memo and attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____