



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: Rich Carlson, Superintendent

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THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Everett Haimes, Director of Informational Technology

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DATE: October 30, 2021

**SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000 – BorderLAN Network Security Memo No: SB22-086
(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.

2.1 COMMUNICATION: Advance on-going 2-way communication, participation and interaction within the school and between the school and community, building the bridge of trust.

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: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

4.5 TECHNOLOGY: Leverage technology as a tool to facilitate learning, communication, and collaboration.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board Policy, contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval. (BP 3312)

Background:

The School District utilizes on a combination of Fortinet brand hardware and virtual appliances to provide advanced routing, shaping, and content filtering and analytic capabilities. Each of these components require annual support and subscription renewals and BorderLAN is Fortinet's registered value-added-reseller responsible for providing renewals of contracts to the School District.

Funding Source and Contract Amount:

The respective software subscription renewal is funded through the Information Technology Other Purchases Services Account Code 100.200.355.000.440 in the amount of \$61,955.20.

Available Budget:

Budget Code 100.200.355.000.440 has an available budget of \$ 264,012.53 after the approval and encumbrance of Board Memo SB22-085 (Power School).

Length of Contracts:

The associated subscription is for a one-year term, ending October 10, 2022.

Grant Funds:

There are no grant funds associated with the funding of the attached contracts.

Compliance with BP 3311:

Due to the existing contract affiliation between BorderLAN and Fortinet for the School District's Fortinet hardware and service subscriptions, we are unable to obtain competitive bids for Fortinet renewals. However, when the project was originally awarded, it was funded through the North Slope Borough Bond proceeds by way of a CIP Project. At the time, the contract was bid out and BorderLAN was the successful bidder. The initial contract award provided for a one-year subscription with the understanding that the School District would continue that annual subscription renewal thereafter. The School District has been very pleased with the services provided by BorderLAN and it is our hope to continue our positive working relationship with the vendor. As such, we request contract renewal on a sole-source basis.

Proposed Motion:

"I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater proposal and related contract with BorderLAN Network Security in an amount not to exceed \$61,955.20, as described in this memo and related attachments."

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____