



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator

THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Tennessee D. Judkins, Director of Iñupiaq Education

DATE: June 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000- KIVLIQ

Memo No: SB22-221
(Action Item)

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2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1.0 ACADEMIC SUCCESS/WHOLE CHILD: All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating Iñupiaq 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.

Background:

Kivliq is owned and operated by Kivliqtauruq Britt’Nee Brower. Britt’Nee was born and raised in Utqiagvik, AK, and graduated from Barrow High School in 2006. She is a small business owner and an avid artist her entire life. She has created an Iñupiaq Coloring Book which she published in 2017 and won the #1 spot in the “Top Selling Books in 2021” by Todd Communications. We’ve created a cultural-based unit for our K3/K4 classrooms around her Iñupiaq Coloring Book so that our pre-school aged students have a direct reference to introductory Iñupiaq words for a variety of arctic animals and also for them to practice their Iñupiaq vocabulary, fine motor skills, colors, and other skills with materials that are relevant to them as students. Britt’Nee graduated with a degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis in Alaska Native Art. Her passion is language revitalization and support immersion language work.

Length of Contract:

The length of the contract would be from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

The identified funding source is derived from the Iñupiaq Education Department Professional & Technical budget (Account Code: 100.200.120.787.410) with a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00.

Available Budget:

The available budget for Account Code 100.200.120.787.410 is \$459,000.00

Grant Funding:

There are no grant funds associated with this contract.

Compliance with BP 3311:

In order for us to progress forward with our language revitalization efforts and support our Iñupiaq language program, we understand that we need fluent Iñupiaq language classroom materials. Kivliq has the ability to assist in creating Iñupiaq immersion focused materials for use in our K3-12th grade classrooms with her direct cultural ties to our region, knowledge in the language, and ability to create classroom resources. In order for children to make progress in their Iñupiaq Language proficiency and progress toward fluency, they need access to completely immersion-focused language materials in their classroom. So long as we stay on the path of fostering a bilingual classroom space, we will not make as large of strides in language acquisition as we would in a fully submersed immersion classroom. In order for us to continue moving in this direction, we need to create more classroom materials that are solely in Iñupiaq. As such, the District waives such requirements set out in BP3311 as the underlying contract is in the best interest of the District.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater contract for Kivliq, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____