



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

**TO:** Qaiyaan Harcharek, President  
Members of the School Board

**THROUGH:** Pauline Harvey, Superintendent

**FROM:** Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** February 5, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Certificate of Authority-RUS Form 675

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*Pauline Harvey*  
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**Memo No: SB21-124**  
(Action Item)

**2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY**

**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/Background:**

The North Slope Borough School District has been awarded two Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the purpose of providing hardware in support distance education and remote substance abuse counselling. In support of this goal, the District has been working with Solutionz, Inc. to design a Zoom compatible collaboration system including multiple mobile interactive carts at each site, counselling/telemedicine systems, a new board room collaboration system, and a distance learning lab.

The RUS Grant was initially awarded to the School District in December of 2018 and was brought before the School Board for consideration and acceptance of the grant in January of 2019. The Grant was awarded for a period of 3years from the time of the signed agreement. At the time the Grant was awarded, Form 675 was filled out and submitted authorizing then the leadership of the District as authorized officers to execute RUS forms. Since such officers are no longer with the District, the USDA has requested the District provide an updated Form 675, requiring Board approval.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education Authorize the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer as designated Officers to sign and execute RUS forms in connection with requisitioning and accounting for Loan Funds (RUS Form 481 and 595), specifically for Financial Statement Requirement and Financial Requirement and Expenditure Statement as set out in form RUS 675.”

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_