



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: John Hopson Jr., President
Members of the Board

FROM: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent

DATE: February 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Emergency School Closure

Memo No. SB25-143
(Informational Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

Culturally Responsive Instruction

Goal 2: All students perform at or above grade level.

Financial & Operational Development

Goal 7: Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations.

Issue Summary:

Per AR 6111, the District's Emergency School Closure procedures currently require Saturdays to be designated for student make-up days. Saturday student days create an unnecessarily long school week for students, place pressure on families and deliver poor attendance results. Following feedback from families and staff, the administration seek to replace Saturday make-up days for students with 30 minute extended school days for a set number of days. To achieve this outcome, Administration must enter into an MOU with the NSBEA to amend Article 1302.1 to include emergency school closure as a permissible reason for an extended workday. The NSBEA have asked the Board of Education, as the elected representatives of the community, to provide their thoughts on whether the extension of a limited number of school days is something the Board members support in order to remove Saturday make-up days. This is not an action item as the NSBEA have requested Board feedback only. If the Board provides feedback that indicates support for this change, the NSBEA have agreed to enter into an MOU and the administration will proceed to amend the AR consistent with the MOU and the attached draft.

Background:

AR 6111 has attracted significant attention due to the requirement for students to attend school on a Saturday to compensate for lost schooling. Due to low student turnout, the merits of the extended 6 day week are questionable. However, the extension of a limited number of school days by small increments (eg 30 minutes) is being applied in a number of school districts to address calendar changes including cultural calendars.

Proposed Motion:

This is an informational item only

