



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**TO:** Nancy Rock, Board President  
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**DATE:** February 24, 2022

**SUBJECT: Battle of the Books**

Memo No. SB22-154  
**Information Item**

**NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:**

- 1.0 Student Success: 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.
- 1.1 Academic Achievement: Ensure all students show growth in academic areas measured by authentic assessment where possible and state and district standards where necessary.

**Issue Summary:**

North Slope Borough School District held its annual competition of the Battle of the Books on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Over 125 students and 8 schools participated in this Slope wide reading program.

Time spent reading is the number one research activity proven to improve students reading ability. Student’s with the support of their coaches and families spent many hours reading, or in the early grades having books read to them.

This monumental event includes students reading 12 to 15 books between September and January. Students also must keep track of characters, events, and setting of books. These student leaders model fortitude and determination as they prepare and participate in Battle of the Books competition.

The North Slope Borough School District concluded the district-wide Battle of the Books and participated in the state competition. The outcomes are listed below:

**Kindergarten**

- 1st Place: Tikigaq School & Nuiqsut Trapper School
- 2nd Place: Meade River School & Ipalook Elementary School
- 3rd Place: Nunamiut School

**1st Grade**

- 1st Place: Tikigaq School & Ipalook Elementary
- 2nd Place: Harold Kaveolook School
- 3rd Place: Meade River School

**2nd Grade**

1st Place: Ipalook Elementary

**3rd/4th Grade**

1st Place: Ipalook Elementary (18<sup>th</sup> at state)

2nd Place: Harold Kaveolook School

**5th/6th Grade**

1st Place: Ipalook Elementary (22<sup>nd</sup> at state)

2nd Place: Hopson Middle School

3rd Place: Harold Kaveolook School

4th Place: Nuiqsut Trapper School

**MS**

1st Place: Harold Kaveolook School (22<sup>nd</sup> at state)

**HS**

1st Place: Barrow High School

2nd Place: Harold Kaveolook School

We'd like to extend our appreciation for the continued support provided by the school board.