



## 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:** Rich Carlson, Interim Superintendent

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

**DATE:** November 3, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Authority to Negotiate School Lease with  
City of Utqiagvik

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*Richard Carlson*  
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**Memo No. SB22-087**  
**(Action Item)**

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#### 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

- 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.
- 1.5 MULTIPLE PATHWAYS:** Implement career learning and alternative programs expanding educational opportunities that connect students to careers and providing multiple pathways to graduation based on student needs and interests.
- 4.0 Financial & Operational Stewardship:** Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support the long-term stability of the district.
- 4.1 FACILITIES:** Establish safe, modern and high-performing learning facilities.
- 4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.
- 4.3 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & SUPPORTS:** Create student-centered schools incorporating culture beyond curriculum into all aspects of our work including facilities and operations.

#### **Background:**

In August of 2005, the North Slope Borough (Borough), City of Barrow, and the North Slope Borough School District (School District) entered into a 15-year lease agreement surrounding the property commonly known as the Day Care Center located at 5246 Karluk Street (Block 2, Lots 16,17 and 18) in Browerville, then Barrow AK. The lease terms provided for the use of the premises to be utilized for educational purposes as needed by the School District, specifically the Kiita Program. The term of the lease was effective June 1, 2005 and terminating on May 31, 2020. In addition, the lease provided for a one lump sum payment of \$250,000 paid by the Borough through CIP Project 56171.8335. The North Borough exercised its competitive waiver pursuant to NSBMC §2.36.010(B)5 and §2.36.180(A)(1)(G), which allowed the Borough to exercise its power or performance of its functions and participation in the financing thereof,

jointly or in cooperation, by agreement with any on or more local governments, the State or the Unites States or any agency or municipality of these governments.

Over the course of the lease, the School District has made capital and operational improvements to meet the educational needs of the School District including the health and safety of the students as required under Alaska State statues, specifically within Title 14-Education, Libraries, and Museums.

The School District and the City of Utqiagvik have a desire to continue utilizing the leased premises for its existing educational structure. In order to achieve such goal, a new long-term lease agreement is required. As such, the District Administration seeks approval from the Board of Education to enter into negotiations with the City of Utqiagvik.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or designee to enter into negotiations with the City of Utiqiagvik for a new lease. Once a mutual understanding has been reached by both parties, a new lease agreement will be brought before the Board of Education for adoption and ratification.”

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