



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 

FROM: Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

DATE: January 13, 2022

SUBJECT: AK Families Coalition Appointment

Memo No. SB23-114
(Action Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

2.0 Community Engagement: Foster collective responsibility, commitment, and trust between the school and community.

2.1 Communication: Advance on-going 2-way communication, participation, and interaction within the school and between the school and community, building the bridge of trust.

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BB 9140, Board Representatives: The Board may appoint any of its members to serve on advisory committees or as its representative to other public agencies or organizations when the Board deems such appointments desirable, contingent on acceptance of the appointment by the member.

Issue Summary:

The Association of Alaska School Boards has been selected to receive funding under the Statewide Family Engagement Centers Program (SFEC) in the amount of \$978,455 in the first five years. This program is issued under the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, to advance family engagement policies, programs, and activities. Through this program, AASB and the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development with more than thirty partners is developing an Alaskan State Family Engagement Center and Alaska Families Coalition. Program resources are dedicated specifically to meet the needs of nearly 60,000 predominantly rural or Alaska Native students and families. The grant's priority work areas include expanding evidence-based family engagement approaches, addressing the impact of COVID, promoting equity in student access to education opportunities, and strengthening cross-agency coordination and community engagement to advance systemic change. The outcomes will be externally evaluated by Education Northwest to ensure they are aligned with the Statewide Family Engagement Centers Program.

This coalition is requesting for one School Board member, Superintendent, one School Advisory Council member, two district staff with one in special education and one family engagement coordinator, one family member, and one representative from the tribe. For the Board's representation, they will serve in an advisory role, help with planning, share lived experiences, deliberate how to remove barriers for family partnerships, and identify structural and daily opportunities for families to partner.

Background:

The Alaska Families Coalition hosted a meeting December 1-2, 2022 in Anchorage where the District’s Assistant Principal of Ałak School attended as a community member, parent, teacher, and administrator for the District.

Upcoming Opportunities:

January 2023 – Orientation for key staff

February 2023 – Foundations training virtually including preparation for April with site or district leadership teams

March 2023 – Additional Site or district leadership team meetings

April 2023 – Science of Reading Symposium pre-conference.

May 2023 – Learning intensives and family partnership strategies

August/September 2023 – District/Site training, learning intensives, pre-conference teams at the Safety and Well-Being event.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education appoint _____ as the Board representative to the Alaska Families Coalition.”

Motion by: _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____

Signature: David Vadiveloo
David Vadiveloo (Jan 14, 2023 00:16 AKST)

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