



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Robyn Burke, President  
Members of the Board

**THROUGH:** David Vadiveloo, Superintendent Dsv

**THROUGH:** Tracy Mulvenon, Assistant Superintendent

**FROM:** Qaḡḡuna Tenna Pili, Director of Iñupiaq Education TJ

**DATE:** October 11, 2024

**SUBJECT: Type M Certification Request**

**Memo No. SB25-075**  
(Action Item)

**NSBSD Policy Manual:**

BP 4111/4311

**NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:**

Staff Support & Professional Development

Goal 6: Build and sustain a thriving workforce aligned with the mission of this District

**Issue Summary:**

Administration is requesting that the members of the Board of Education approve a Type M teacher certification request for the following individuals who hold Iñupiaq Language Teacher positions and substituting in Iñupiaq Language Teaching positions:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
Flora Rexford	Harold Kaveolook School, Elementary
Kitty Ahvakana	Harold Kaveolook School, Secondary
Madeline Hickman	Aḷak School, Secondary
Kimberly Pikok	Barrow High School, 9-12 <sup>th</sup> grades
Daisy Lane	Tikiḡaq School, Elementary Substitute

These candidates' skills and qualifications, based on work history, training, and expertise in the Iñupiaq language and culture, merit the Type M teacher certificate.

**Background:**

The North Slope Borough School District has offered contracts to Flora Rexford, Kitty Ahvakana, Madeline Hickman, and Kimberly Pikok for Iñupiat Language Teacher positions; Daisy Lane is a current employee of the NSBSD and is substituting in the Iñupiaq Language classroom and is a participant in the Iḷisaurriḡuqta Program. Prior Board approval is no longer required by the Alaska





Department of Education, but is required by Board Policy, in addition to other specified requirements in order for teachers to be granted Type M certificates.

**Recommendation:**

Administration recommends the board approve the Type M Certification Request for Flora Rexford, Kitty Ahvakana, Madeline Hickman, Kimberly Pikok, and Daisy Lane to support the NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal 6.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the Type M Certification Request for Flora Rexford, Kitty Ahvakana, Madeline Hickman, Kimberly Pikok, and Daisy Lane as described in this memo and related attachments.”

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

Vote \_\_\_\_\_

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