



## NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Qaiyaan Harcharek, President  
Members of the School Board

**FROM:** Rich Carlson, Superintendent

**DATE:** October 7, 2021

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Richard Carlson

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution 22-04, Certification of the  
School Advisory Council Election Results

**Memo No. SB22-061**  
**(Action Item)**

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#### **NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:**

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

#### **Issue Summary:**

The results of the October 5, 2021, School Advisory Council Elections were submitted by each of the village sites. Resolution 22-04, Certification of the School Advisory Council Election Results directs the administration to notify the candidates declared elected and to request each City Clerk in the North Slope villages to administer the appropriate oath of office.

#### **Background:**

The School Advisory Council Elections were held in Utqiagvik, Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright on October 5, 2021, from 8am-8pm.

During the municipal elections in Wainwright, however, the SAC election committee reported a correction on Ałak School Advisory Council Ballot. It was corrected by 9:20am, an hour and twenty minutes after the start of the election and did not affect the outcome. The discrepancy affected 20-30 votes. Given the landslide outcome of the election, it is apparent that the error did not subvert the outcome of the election.

A concern from Point Hope was reported to the SAC election committee, regarding the posting of the Tikigaq School Advisory Council (SAC) Declaration forms during the community's Hunker Down status, local business e.g. City, NSB and Post Office were closed and the doors were locked. The SAC Election Committee's findings reported that the SAC Declaration forms were posted in the school on the inside front doors, the Corporation Store, the Post Office and at the City Hall four weeks prior to the election. The post office was open for about half of the month of September and the notice was posted near the Borough's and City's notices. The store was open for half of September. Tikigaq School building was open for at least 6 hours per day and as many as 9 hours, with telephones manned, and the office was accessible by the public.

Forms were available in the office and, if someone would have requested, the school staff would have dropped off paperwork so their name could be placed on the ballot. The municipal election location in Point Hope was moved to the New Gym at Tikigaq School, and getting the information on ballot, access to documents, where to vote was adequately covered. The Election Committee also found a write-in candidate had posted a 'Vote for Me' sign closer than

200 feet from the entrance of the polling place. North Slope Borough Election Coordinator is authorized to address such issues. The Election Committee concedes that holding another election, in response to the issues raised, would negate the votes of the citizens that have already cast their ballots.

**Proposed Motion:**

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education adopt Resolution 22-04, Certification of the School Advisory Council Election Results, held on October 5, 2021.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisory Vote: \_\_\_\_\_