



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Robyn Burke, President
Members of the School Board

FROM: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *Dsv*

DATE: April 2, 2024

SUBJECT: School Calendar Days in Session

Memo no. SB24-127
(Action 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.

1.7 Student Well-being: Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students.

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 6111, School Calendar: AS 14..03.030 mandates a school term of 180 days. Each school site shall show the beginning and ending school dates, legal and local holidays, orientation and teacher inservice days, number of teaching days, vacation periods and other pertinent dates. Each school site calendar shall include 191 days....

AR 6111 (b-d), NSBSD School Closure Procedure: Given the statutory (AS 14.03.030) and regulatory (ACC 05.090(e)) requirements governing school closures, coupled with safety and scheduling issues, the following guidance and procedure is established...(6). The Principal (or designee) of the affected school(s) shall designate the day to make up the missed time...

AS 14.03.030, School Term: ...A school term shall include not less than 180 days in session, unless, with the approval of the commissioner...(2) an “emergency closure day” is substituted for a day in session because of conditions posing a threat to the health of safety of students

AS 14.03.040, Day in Session: Each day within the school term is a day in session except Saturdays, Sundays, and days designated as holidays by or according to AS 14.03.050. A School Board may approve Saturdays as a day in session. The day in session in every school shall be at least four hours long, exclusive of intermissions, for the first, second, and third grades and five hours long, exclusive of intermissions, for grades four through twelve. The period of the day in session shall be devoted to the instruction of pupils or to study periods for the pupils.

4 AAC 05.090 (g)A Superintendent who has ordered an emergency closure of a school shall submit a modified calendar for the school to the department as soon as practicable after the closure. Under the modified calendar, the district shall implement one of the following actions: (1) if the original calendar provided for more than 180 days, reduce the number of days in session or days used for in-service training for the school, so the combined number of days in session and days used for in-service training under the modified calendar remains in compliance with AS 14.03.030; (2) designate emergency closure days in place of days in session or days used for in-service training if the emergency closure days have been approved by the commissioner under AS 14.03.030(2) and (h) of this section; (3): designate

additional days that the school must be in session to replace school closure days that were not reduced under (1) of this subsection or approved as an emergency closure days under (2) of this subsection.

Issue Summary:

School closures, due to weather or facility safety concerns, occur every year. The school Board have listed a number of priorities to support learning growth for students including increased contact time with the learning environment through attendance in school. As such, the Administration recommends the School Board approve the scheduling of any school closure day to another day, including a Saturday, as determined by the Superintendent, for days in session should a school closure be necessary.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the scheduling of any school closure day to another day, including a Saturday, as determined by the Superintendent and, further, to direct the Superintendent to make changes to AR 6111 and E 6111 to facilitate the efficient scheduling of student makeup days on Saturdays when and where necessary in furtherance of the District’s primary goal of student education.”

Moved By _____

Seconded By _____

Advisory Vote _____

Vote _____

Signature: DS Vadiveloo
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