



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Esther Evikana, President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent *DSVadiveloo*

FROM: Marie Stackhouse, Board Secretary / Community Collaboration Manager *MS*
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DATE: March 3, 2026

SUBJECT: VOICE of the Arctic Inupiat

Memo No. SB26-103
(Informational Item)

NSBSD Policy Manual: N/A

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary: N/A Operational

Background and issue summary:

On May 7, 2026 the Board provided notice of withdrawal from VOICE of the Arctic Iñupiat, effective June 30, 2025. The withdrawal followed concerns arising from a March 19, 2025 VOICE of the Arctic Annual Board meeting during which comments and conduct directed toward the Superintendent and District staff were described as hostile and inconsistent with Iñupiat values and the VOICE of the Arctic's stated mission of unity. The Board of Education resolution requested an explanation of the conduct at that meeting and an appropriate statement of apology. This request was met by VOICE of the Arctic leadership at a Board meeting on April 25, 2025.

On August 5, 2025, the District received a letter from VOICE of the Arctic Iñupiat inviting the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education to rejoin the organization as a member. On January 19, 2026, President and CEO of the VOICE, Nagruk Harcharek once again invited the NSBSD to attend the VOICE February Board of Directors meeting.

This memo is provided for the Board's information and consideration of the option to revisit membership. Should the Board choose to accept the invitation and rejoin, formal action through adoption of a resolution will be required.

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