



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

TO: John Hopson Jr., President
Members of the Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent DsV

FROM: Jim Dube, Principal of Qatqĩññaġvik & CTE JD

DATE: February 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Purchase Over 10K -
YouScience Subscription

Memo No: SB25-147
(Informational Item)

NSBSD Policy Manual:

BP 3300 Expenditures/Expending Authority: The Superintendent or designee may purchase supplies, materials, and equipment in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee shall not authorize any proposed expenditure that exceeds the major budget classification allowance against which the expenditure is the proper charge unless an amount sufficient to cover the purchase is available in the budget for transfer.

BP 3310, Purchasing Procedures: The School Board desires to ensure that maximum value is received for money spent by the district and that records are kept in accordance with the law. The Superintendent or designee may issue and sign purchase orders.

BP 6141.4 Pilot Programs: Pilot Programs may be modifications to the current curriculum and/or changes in how the curriculum is delivered. Pilot programs shall be reported to the Board. Pilot programs that have major instructional impact or require an expenditure of more than \$20,000 shall require Board approval.

2020-2025 NSBSD STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3: All students are prepared for their pathway of choice post-high school

Issue Summary

After an initial pilot this school year, administration has subscribed to YouScience for all students in grades 6-12. YouScience is a more robust engaging interface that provides interest inventories to identify potential careers and determines a student's aptitude through entertaining and interactive 'brain games.' After completing those activities, students can view careers that align with only their interests, only their aptitudes, or those that align with both – which are the most likely to be a great fit. In addition, local agencies and employers can create a profile in the system, and they will show up when students filter careers and employment opportunities that align with interests/aptitudes.

Background

As part of our goal to prepare students for life after graduation, our counselors and teachers work with them to help identify careers that are aligned to their interests. The software that has been historically used for this (AKCIS – Alaska Career Information System) has interest surveys for this purpose, and provides students with information about post-secondary opportunities that are aligned with those identified interests. However, this only provides half of the picture and is not as engaging for today's students.

**Grant Funds:**

This purchase is being made primarily from the Perkins grant, with the remainder funded through the borough's supplemental funding.

Funding Sources and Contract Amount:

Function	Account Code	Available Budget
Purchased Services	310.200.160.000.440	\$11,450
Purchased Services	379.200.160.000.440	\$2,567

