



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM

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

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Superintendent DSV
DSV

FROM: Michael Hautala, Director of Student Services MH
MH

DATE: March 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Purchase Over \$10K –
PowerSchool, Special Programs

Memo No. SB25-153
(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.

Board Policy 3312, Contracts: The Superintendent or designee may enter into contracts and memoranda of agreement (MOA's) on behalf of the District. All contracts and MOA's with a dollar value of \$50,000 or greater must be approved by the School Board.

NSBSD Strategic Plan Summary:

Financial & Operational Stewardship

Goal 7: Standardize high-functioning, efficient, student-focused operations

Issue Summary:

PowerSchool is a multiple services platform for school districts. North Slope Borough School District currently uses this platform for Student Information System (SIS) and for lesson plan capture. Student Services is transferring the special education database from Embrace to PowerSchool Special Programs.

There are multiple reasons for this change:

- Foundation Funding and State funding is reported from data through the SIS system. Embrace and PowerSchool do not communicate and data has to be manually entered.
- With PowerSchool, it allows easier document share between transfer districts and the State.
- Teacher friendly program, relates to higher compliance of documentation.
- Single compatible platform.
- Documentation regarding services provided by teachers.
- Ability to capture signatures on documents more efficiently.

**Funding Source and Contract Amount:**

This contract is funded through the General Fund account code 100.200.200.000.410 and 450 in the amount of \$40,537.57 over three years.

With the transfer of databases, PowerSchool provided a three-year cost projection.

- Year 1: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$20,035.
 - This includes the implementation of data and training in the amount \$10,510 and software in the amount of \$9,525.
- Year 2: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 in the amount of \$10,001.25
- Year 3: April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028 in the amount of \$10,501.32

These costs are similar to current programming provided through Embrace.

Recommendations:

This memo is informational only and no action is required.

