



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Roxanne Brower, President
Members of the School Board

FROM: Stewart McDonald, Superintendent

DATE: February 27, 2019

SUBJECT: AASB Legislative Fly-In
April 6-9, 2019

Memo No: SB19-135
(Action Item)

NSBSD Strategic Plan Goal:

2.0 Qargi/Community Spirit: Fostering the reclamation and recovery of the responsibility each one of us has for living the Iñupiaq values and being accountable at the personal and community levels for “walking the talk,” embodying the Qargi spirit and commitment to education.

4.0: Financial & Operational Stewardship: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board to approve legislative committee members, Roxanne Brower and Muriel Brower (Qaiyaan Harcharek as alternate), to attend the Association of Alaska School Boards Legislative Fly-In on April 6-9, 2019 in Juneau, AK.

Issue Summary:

The Association of Alaska School Boards Legislative Fly-in will be held in Juneau, AK at the Westmark Baranof Hotel on April 6-9, 2019.

Background:

The Legislative Fly-in will include: Updates from the Alaska Department of Education on Early Learning and Chronic Absenteeism; Discussion of issues & topics influencing education in 2019; How to view and process school district data; showcasing the unity of Alaska’s School Boards to lead positive change; reviewing current Bills and Legislative Priorities; and meeting with legislators and other decision makers.

Students are welcome to come join in the session with their Board of Education members, however, student activities are not scheduled. The students that attended the AASB Fly-In February 9-12, 2019 were: Edith Spear and Jenna Stringer, Barrow High School; Carrah Hawley, Tikigaq School; Torrie Tracey, Kali School; Shannon Tazruk, Ałak School.

Board members Roxanne Brower, Muriel Brower and alternate Qaiyaan Harcharek are currently serving on the North Slope Borough School District Board of Education Legislative Committee.

The fly-in will include meeting with various legislators that the Superintendent’s office will arrange.

Below is the current list of legislators and their committees:

State Department of Education

Commissioner Michael Johnson

State House Education Committee

Representative Harriet Dumond, Co-Chair
 Representative Andi Story, Co-Chair
 Representative Grier Hopkins, Member
 Representative Chris Tuck, Member
 Representative Tiffany Zulkosky, Member
 Representative Josh Revank, Member
 Representative DeLena Johnson, Member

State House Finance Committee

Representative Neal Foster, Co-Chair
 Representative Tammie Wilson, Co-Chair
 Representative Jennifer Johnston, Vice-Chair
 Representative Andy Josephson, Member
 Representative Gary Knopp, Member
 Representative Barton LeBon, Member
 Representative Dan Ortiz, Member
 Representative Cathy Tilton, Member
 Representative Kelly Merrick, Member
 Representative Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Member
 Representative Ben Carpenter, Member

State House Health & Social Services

Representative Ivy Spohnholz, Co-Chair
 Representative Tiffany Zulkosky, Co-Chair
 Representative Matt Claman, Member
 Representative Harriet Drummond, Member
 Representative Geran Tarr, Member
 Representative Sharon Jackson, Member
 Representative Lance Pruitt, Member

State Senate Education Committee

Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
 Senator Shelley Hughes, Vice Chair
 Chris Birch, Member
 Mia Costello, Member
 Tom Begich, Member

Senate Finance Committee

Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair
 Senator Natasha von Imhof, Co-Chair
 Senator David Wilson, Member
 Senator Click Bishop, Member
 Senator Peter Micciche, Member
 Senator Mike Shower, Member
 Senator Lyman Hoffman, Member
 Senator Donald Olson, Member
 Senator Bill Wielechowski, Member

Senate Health & Social Services

Senator David Wilson, Chair
 Senator John Coghill, Vice Chair
 Senator Gary Stevens, Member
 Senator Cathy Giessel, Member
 Senator Tom Begich, Member

Motion:

I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the Legislative Committee members, Roxanne Brower and Muriel Brower or Qaiyaan Harcharek (Alternate), to attend the AASB Legislative Fly-In on April 6-9, 2019 in Juneau, AK.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

Advisory Vote _____ Vote _____