



**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator

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THROUGH: Fadil Limani, Chief Financial Officer

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FROM: Tennessee D. Judkins, Director of Iñupiaq Education

DATE: June 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Contracts over \$10,000- Partnow Consulting

Memo No: SB22-223
(Action Item)

2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

1.0 ACADEMIC SUCCESS/WHOLE CHILD: 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.

4.0 FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.

4.2 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT: Ensure financial management based on what is best for our students.

Issue Summary:

In accordance with applicable Board policy, contracts and MOA's \$10,000 or greater require Board approval.

Background:

Partnow Consulting is owned and operated by Patricia (Pat) Partnow. Pat has worked with the District and the Iñupiaq Education Department since 2003, with a short break in service. She has helped with the planning and development of the Iñupiaq Learning Framework, has supported the work within Project Mapkuq, has written, published, and created materials, books, and resources for our cultural-based unit kits, and has offered expertise in various content areas in curriculum development. Pat has an all-encompassed understanding and appreciation for the Iñupiaq culture due to her experience with her work in our communities and with our District. She understands the depth of knowledge and multifaceted complexity when it comes to our culture, history, language and traditions.

Length of Contract:

The length of the contract would be from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Funding Source and Purchase/Contract Amount:

The identified funding source is derived from the Iñupiaq Education Department Professional & Technical budget (Account Code: 100.200.120.787.410) with a not to exceed amount of \$90,000.00.

Available Budget:

The available budget for Account Code 100.200.120.787.410 after the approval of SB22-221 and SB22-222 is \$302,150.00.

Grant Funding:

There are no grant funds associated with this contract.

Compliance with BP 3311:

The District has worked with Partnow Consulting since 2003 and through that time contributed to the formation of the Iñupiaq Learning Framework, 22 cultural-based unit kits in all grade levels, helped create our local courses like North Slope History and Culture, North Slope Government, Alaska Studies, and has helped review, align, and vet the over 300 cultural-based units that were developed by our district teachers. Although we can purchase materials and resources written and authored by people and companies elsewhere, we will not receive the same quality materials written by an expert in curriculum writing, understanding by design, and someone who has spent decades submersing themselves in our culture, language, history, and traditions. This is a key piece in creating local, place-based curriculum that encompasses stories and concepts that are most relatable and understandable by our students of the NSBSD. As such, the District waives such requirements set out in BP3311 as the underlying contract is in the best interest of the District.

Proposed Motion:

“I move that the NSBSD Board of Education approve the above \$10,000 and greater contract for Partnow Consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, as described in this memo and related attachments.”

Moved by _____ Seconded by _____

Vote _____